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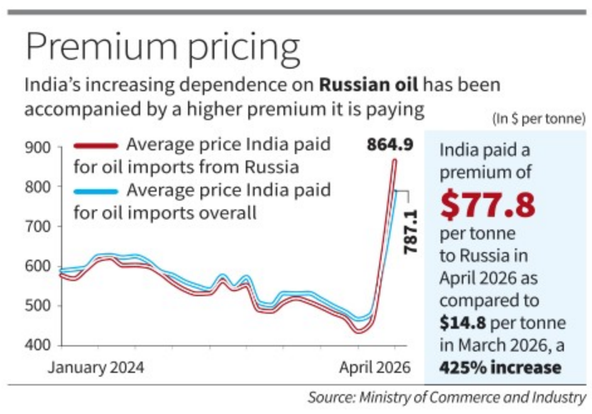
Russian oil imports, prices jump; U.S. share goes down

While Russia's share in India's oil imports stood at 34% in terms of volume in April 2026, India's dependence on oil from the U.S. fell to 8-month low, accounting for just 3.8% in terms of volume

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

Russia's share in the value of India's oil imports jumped back up to an 11-month high of nearly 38% in April 2026 as India continued to increase its dependence on it against the backdrop of the ongoing West Asia crisis.

This increasing dependence was accompanied by a 425% jump in the premium being charged by Russia for its oil, in contrast to the discount it had been offering until recently. Russia's share in India's crude imports in April stood at about 34% in terms of the volume. At the same time, India's dependence on oil from the U.S. fell to multi-month lows in terms of both value and volume.


Premium pricing
India's increasing dependence on Russian oil has been accompanied by a higher premium it is paying
(In $ per tonne)
Average price India paid for oil imports from Russia
Average price India paid for oil imports overall
900
800
700
600
500
400
864.9
787.1
January 2024
April 2026
India paid a premium of
$77.8
per tonne to Russia in April 2026 as compared to $14.8 per tonne in March 2026, a 425% increase

Source: Ministry of Commerce and Industry

An analysis of data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry shows that India's total oil imports bounced back to 195.3 lakh tonnes in April after having dipped in March to 158.5 lakh tonnes.

However, while this worked out to a 23% increase over March in terms of volume, the surging price of oil meant that India's total oil import bill jumped 61.3% to $15.4 billion in April, as compared to its level in the previous month.

Within this, the volume of India's oil imports from Russia stood at nearly 67 lakh tonnes in April, up 27% from March and making up 34.3% of the total amount of oil India imported during the month.

The Hindu had reported last month that the discount Russia used to offer India for its oil had turned into a premium in March.

The data now shows that India paid an even higher premium for Russian oil in April than it did in March.

The total value of India's Russian oil imports stood at $5.8 billion in April 2026.

In April, India paid Russia $864.9 per tonne for its oil, while it paid $787.1 per tonne overall for its oil imports from all countries. This works out to a premium of $77.8 per tonne as compared to a premium of $14.8 per tonne paid to Russia in March 2026, a 425% increase.

On the other hand, the U.S. accounted for just 2.9% of India's oil bill in April, an eight-month low.

Telangana CM calls for federal balance to safeguard citizens

R. Ravikanth Reddy
BENGALURU

Telangana CM A. Revanth Reddy with N. Ram, Director, The Hindu Group, at The Hindu Huddle on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

India's federal balance and governance outcomes would determine whether citizens, particularly in southern States, are treated as equal stakeholders or reduced to "second-grade citizens", Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said on Saturday.

In a conversation with The Hindu Group Director N. Ram at the two-day The Hindu Huddle in Bengaluru on "By, for, and of the people: Good governance for Telangana", the Congress leader said southern States would not accept an imbalance in political power distribution.

The BJP, he alleged, was trying hard to widen the gap in political power through the delimitation process, while linking it to women's reservation to hide the core issue.

"The Congress is ready even now for the implementation of the women's reservation Bill if it is the primary intention," he said.

He credited the Congress with playing a historic role in women's empowerment, and said women had consistently played a crucial part in key political and social transformations in the country.

Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, as the "Iron Lady", liberated Bangladesh from Pakistan, and Congress leader Sonia Gandhi "courageously took a decision on separate Telangana", he said.

During the wide-ranging conversation, the Chief Minister said that Telangana is positioning itself as a global investment destination and not limiting its competitiveness to neighbouring States.

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Daily chore: Pudhupattinam residents walk a couple of kilometres daily to collect water from beachside pits. They say the water from this source is of good quality and has nutritional value.

Water on wheels: A vendor selling water on a mini-truck fills a container for a resident of Pudhupattinam. The villagers are of the view that packaged or canned water causes cold and other health issues.

Carriers of life: For decades, collecting drinking water from hand-dug pits in the beach is an integral part of life for women in the coastal village of R. Pudhupattinam, 60km from Pudukottai. They carry the water for over two kilometres across a damaged bridge.

Trickle of freshwater just off the salty sea

Pits dug on the beach serve as freshwater source for fishing villages near Mimisal in Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu; residents say they are a surviving link to the community's history, tradition, and resilience; they raise quality concerns over littering

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Under the scorching midday sun, women in R. Pudhupattinam, a coastal village about 60 kilometres from Pudukottai in Tamil Nadu, continue a daily ritual that has sustained generations. Barefoot and carrying as many containers as they can, the women walk two or three kilometres along the shoreline to collect drinking water from shallow pits dug on the beach.

The fishing village, known for its close relationship with the sea, depends on freshwater from beachside pits. Residents believe the naturally filtered water is healthier than commercially supplied alternatives. Many are of the view that packaged and canned water, which they say contains chlorine, often causes cold and other health issues.

"Our ancestors drew freshwater from this beachside pit since the British colonial period," said R. Danabakkiyam, a resident of the village. The water is traditionally used for cooking meals for fishermen before they venture into sea, with locals believing it enhances the taste and nutritional value of food.

The site is regarded as sacred by the community. Villagers strictly prohibit sand removal and avoid planting vegetation in the area. Residents say the pits to collect the water are an integral part of life here.

Besides Pudhupattinam residents, people from neighbouring villages also travel to the site to collect water, with activity beginning as early as 4 a.m. and continuing until 10 p.m. Some even visit at midnight to meet their household water needs.

However, concerns about the future of the water source are growing.

Pushpam, a resident of the nearby coastal village of Gopalapattinam near Mimisal, said the quality of water has deteriorated over the past year due to littering and inadequate maintenance, and added that the government should protect the site. Villagers have to carry containers of water across a bridge. They said the bridge becomes unusable and unsafe during rains, and appealed to authorities for regular maintenance.

For these villagers, the freshwater pits are more than just a source of drinking water – they are a surviving link to the community's history, tradition, and resilience.

Harvest hours: Water collection at these beach pits begins as early as 4 a.m. and continues until 10 p.m. Some even visit at midnight to fulfil their water requirements.

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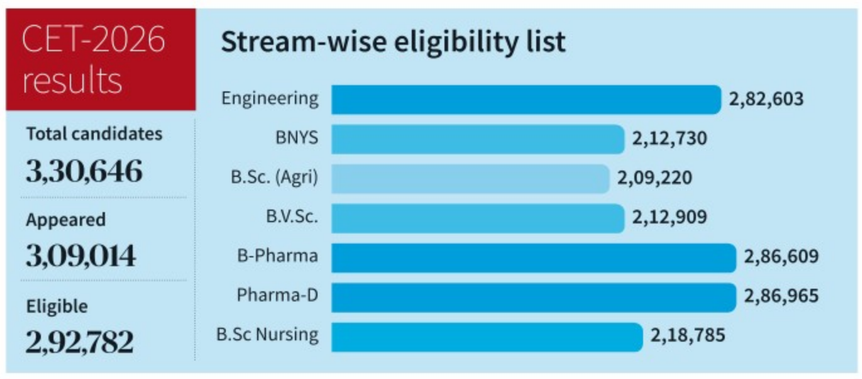

100%

I am preparing for the Re-NEET exam and aim to secure a seat at the Bengaluru Medical College. My first attempt went really well, and I'm disappointed that the paper got leaked. Now I am also under pressure, as I believe the question paper will be difficult due to the scandal

- **NAYANA GOPI,** BASE PU college, Shivanagar, Topper in B.V.Sc., B-Pharma, Pharma-D, B.Sc. Nursing. BNYS

99.44%

I used to study at least for four hours at home. As there was coaching at the college itself from the BASE, it helped me a lot to achieve this result. I am planning to study CSE at R. V. College of Engineering, or National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK) Surathkal

TANISHA KARTHIK, R.V. PU College, Jayanagar, Topper in engineering stream.

98.75%

I am interested in pursuing research in Chemistry. The hard work gave me these results. I also scored good marks in JEE (Advanced) and I am hoping to get into Chemical Engineering at IIT-Bombay or Artificial Intelligence (AI) engineering at NITK-Surathkal

- **NINAAD VASISHT,** R.V. PU College, Jayanagar, Topper in B.Sc Agriculture

State board students dominate CET toppers list

Among the top 100 rankers in the engineering stream, 81 are from State board colleges; this is in contrast to 2025, when seven of the top 10 rankers in the engineering stream were from CBSE schools

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The results of the Karnataka Common Entrance Test (CET) - 2026, the gateway for admission to professional courses including engineering, announced on Saturday, have students from State board Pre-University colleges dominating the top ranks.

Students from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) schools dominated the list of toppers for many years earlier.

Among the top 10 rank holders across all seven streams, a majority are from State board colleges. In the engineering stream, 9 of the top 10 are from State board-affiliated colleges, followed by 8 in B.V.Sc. (Veterinary Science), 9 in B.Sc. (Agriculture), 8 each in Nursing and Yoga & Naturopathy, and 7 each in B-Pharm and Pharma-D. Further, among the top 100 rankers in the engineering stream, 81 are from State board colleges.

Minister for Medical Education and co-chairman of the KEA Sharan Prakash R. Patil, Secretary, Higher Education Khushbu Goyal, and Executive Director, KEA, H. Prasanna during a press conference to announce the results of CET-2026 in Bengaluru on Saturday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

This is in contrast to 2025, when seven of the top 10 rankers in the engineering stream were from CBSE schools. The trend across the other six streams was also similar last year. Experts pointed to a significant dip in CBSE Class 12 results this year – from 88.39% last year to 83.29% – in line with the decline in the number of CBSE students among CET toppers.

2.92 lakh students

As per Karnataka Examinations Authority's (KEA) list a total of 2,92,782 students who had taken CET-2026 have become eligible for admissions to various professional courses.

Of that, 2,82,603 are eligible for engineering stream, 2,09,220 students for B.Sc. (Agriculture).

Toppers

Tanisha Karthik from R.V. PU College Jayanagar, Bengaluru topped the engineering stream with 99.44% and Nayana Gopi of BASE PU College, Shivanagar, Bengaluru topped five streams including B.V.Sc, B.Sc-Nursing, Yoga and Naturopathy, B-Pharm, Pharma-D with 100% marks. In B.Sc (Agriculture) Ninaad Vasisht from R. V. PU College topped the State with 98.75% score.

Counselling

Releasing the results, Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil said that the CET-2026 Counselling will begin from June 10, 2026. "As decided earlier, we will not wait for NEET results to come. Because of the re-examination, the NEET is delayed this year. We will do counselling for other professional courses ahead of NEET counselling," he announced.

"Seats for these professional courses that fall vacant after medical seat counselling will be allotted in the subsequent rounds. Eligible candidates will be allowed to enter options," he added.

Pre-round counselling

In addition, this time, pre-round counselling is being introduced for the first time, and candidates who like the allotted seat can join the college or choose to participate in the next first round.

Medical seats

Regarding medical seats, if the candidates who are allotted both All India and the KEA quota seats in the first round and wish to take admission in the All India quota seat, they need not have to pay a penalty for giving up the KEA seat, Dr. Patil said.

Spot rank for hijab row student

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A girl student did not write the physics exam as she refused to remove her hijab and enter the examination hall. She was given a spot rank based on the average of the marks she scored in three other subjects for which she wrote the exam. Meanwhile, four other students had complained that they were made to remove their 'janivara' (sacred thread) before entering the exam hall, but they eventually wrote the exam, so those papers were evaluated and ranks awarded.

"In the Chickballapur hijab case, the student had not written the physics exam. Therefore, it was decided to give a re-exam on the request of her parents. But the student did not agree to write the exam and requested to be given a rank based on average marks in three other subjects," H. Prasanna, Executive Director, Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) said.

"In the rest of the cases, four students who were asked to remove their 'janivara' were offered a re-exam, even though they had written the exam. But these students demanded a re-exam of all subjects instead of just Physics and the best of two marks should be considered. But since these students had written all the exams, their request was rejected," he said.

Grace marks

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All students have been awarded one mark in both Physics and Chemistry papers as a grace mark, due to wrong options given for one question each in these papers.

In the Biology paper, there were two right options for one question and both were considered as valid during evaluation. No grace marks have been given in the Mathematics paper.

Poor performance by rural, government college and Kannada-medium students

This year, only 12 government PU college students secured spots within 1,000 CET ranks. FILE PHOTO

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A total of 8,414 students applied from government colleges for CET, of which 7,620 appeared this year

Compared to private colleges, the performance of government PU colleges has been very poor in CET-2026. Equally poor is the performance of rural students when compared to those from tier-1 and tier-2 cities, even as the rankings of Kannada-medium students were also left wanting.

This year, only 12 government PU college students got spots within 1,000 CET ranks and this number is 53 in the first 5,000 ranks.

As many as 108 students have found spots in the top 10,000 ranks. A total of 8,414 students applied from government colleges for CET, and of that number, 7,620 appeared this year.

None in top 100

Government college students had no presence in the top 100 CET ranks. In the top 1,000 ranks, only 12 students – five from Bengaluru Urban, two each from Dakshina Kannada and Uttara Kannada, and one each from Chitradurga, Kalaburagi and Mysuru – were in the list.

The performance of students from rural areas was below par, as only 79 students are in top 1,000 ranks and 499 in the top 5,000 ranks. As many as 1,292 are in the top 10,000 ranks.

The performance of Kannada-medium students too is poor, with only nine in the top 1,000 ranks and 75 in the top 5,000 ranks. There are 226 in the top 10,000 ranks.

Three new courses at Biocon Academy

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Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

The academy also offer scholarships covering 60% to 75% of the costs for various programmes

Biocon Academy, a Centre of Excellence for Advanced Learning in Applied Biosciences, hosted its 10th graduation ceremony on its Bengaluru campus, with 156 students graduating this year. Seven top-performing students were awarded gold medals for academic excellence. Three new programmes, including Artificial Intelligence in Life Sciences, Drug Metabolism, and Pharmacokinetics, were also introduced.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, founder, Biocon, said, "Biocon Academy has played a pivotal role in building industry-ready talent for the biotechnology sector by combining academic rigour with real-world application. As science evolves, so must skilling. With the launch of new programmes in Artificial Intelligence in Life Sciences and Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics, Biocon Academy continues to align its curriculum with emerging industry needs. Our graduates are equipped not just to participate in the industry, but to shape its future through innovation and impact."

The academy collaborates with leading global institutions such as Keck Graduate Institute (USA), BITS Pilani, M.S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research and the Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology, Bengaluru.

They also offer scholarships covering 60% to 75% of the programme costs for various programmes, the academy said in a statement.

West Asia crisis makes notebooks dearer as schools reopen

Rashmi Patil
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The price of notebooks has gone up by ₹5 this year. FILE PHOTO

Parents of students returning to school this week have had to shell out at least ₹5 more per notebook, with industry insiders attributing the hike to the West Asia crisis.

Gangadharaiah, a bookshop owner in Avenue Road, said, "The price of notebooks has gone up by ₹5 this year. It may vary by ₹1 to ₹2 at the wholesale level, but retail prices are fixed. A 75-80 page notebook, commonly referred to as a 100-page book, now costs ₹30, up from ₹25. A 175-page book, considered a 200-page notebook, has risen from ₹45 to ₹50. Popular brands in the market charge ₹55 per book."

Anand Pawar, a parent of two, said, "I have enrolled my children in a low-budget private school in Attiguppe, where they do not provide textbooks and notebooks. This year, I spent ₹2,000 instead of ₹1,000 on notebooks and textbooks for both of them. This includes other stationery as well. But we realised it was because of the increase in notebook prices."

The ongoing West Asia crisis, which has pushed up transportation and raw material costs, has led to an increase in notebook prices, Karnataka Offset Printers Association (KOPA) and notebook manufacturers have pointed out. Peter Anil Rego, president, KOPA, said, "The industry is facing price hikes in all types of raw materials, including paper, lamination films, packaging material, and chemicals used for printing solutions. Every second day, we receive emails from suppliers about price increases of 4-8%. We are forced to pass this burden on to consumers."

Saravana Kumar, former secretary of the Karnataka Paper Merchants and Stationers' Association, said, "The prices of raw materials have gone up by nearly 15%. With petrol prices also rising, most transporters have increased freight charges by 5-10%. The paper mills are located around 300 km from Bengaluru. For instance, we were earlier paying ₹1,250 per tonne, which has now increased to ₹1,500 per tonne." He also pointed to unresolved Goods and Services Tax issues.

Mr. Gangadharaiah said the notebook business had become unprofitable over the past few years, especially for smaller players. "Most private schools purchase notebooks in bulk from a single large manufacturer and distributor, and only they benefit from it. They have monopolised the business. What about small-scale manufacturers, distributors and shop owners like us?" he questioned, adding that government schools and colleges provide books for free, and that only a few private schools allow parents to purchase books and notebooks from outside shops.

The graduating batch recorded a 100% pass rate, with five students securing nine university ranks across various subjects.

150 graduates get degrees at St. John's Medical College convocation

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BENGALURU

A total of 150 healthcare professionals were awarded degrees at the 59th Annual Undergraduate Convocation of St. John's Medical College held in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The graduating batch recorded a 100% pass rate, with five students securing nine university ranks across various subjects.

Among the rank holders, Akshay Ajoy secured the fourth rank in Community Medicine, the fourth rank in General Medicine and the seventh rank in General Surgery. He also secured the overall ninth rank in the Phase III Part II MBBS examination.

Ananya Varshney secured the seventh rank in Pharmacology and the eighth rank in General Surgery, while Rachel Ranjan obtained the eighth rank in Community Medicine and the eighth rank in Paediatrics. Suzanne Mary Stephen secured the eighth rank in Microbiology, while Zainab Fathima secured the ninth rank in ENT. Delivering the convocation address, Fr. Jose C.C., Vice-Chancellor of Christ (deemed-to-be) University, recalled a 15th-century maxim for physicians and healers: "Cure sometimes, relieve often, comfort always."

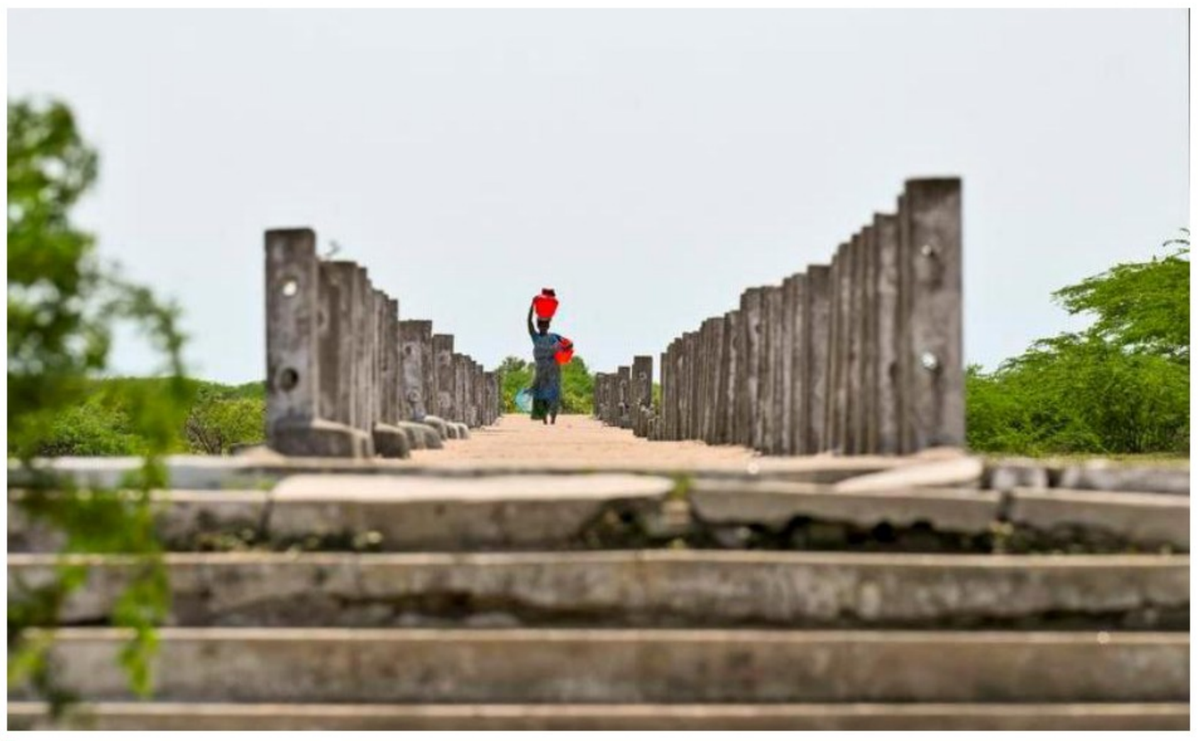
He said the dictum acknowledges that while a cure may not always be possible, providing relief and comfort remains a constant responsibility of medical professionals.

Hot pursuit: In summer, women brave the scorching sun, at 40 degrees Celsius and above, to make the arduous journey to collect water and carry back the pots home.

A routine for years: A woman collects the freshwater in a pit dug on the beach at Pudhupattinam. These pits are dug by hand and women carry a ladle-like equipment to collect the water.

Collaborative work: Women collect water from a beach pit. They use a rudimentary filter using cloth to remove sand particles.

Faith in nature: The water has been traditionally used for cooking meals for fishermen before they venture into sea. Villagers believe the water enhances the taste and nutritional value of food.



Tiring trip: Villagers carry the containers of water across the backwaters using a bridge. They say the bridge becomes unusable and unsafe during rains.

The order grants a one-time exemption to such buildings, with a 20% variation limit, provided they were completed and had applied for electricity connections on or before May 31, 2026. FILE PHOTO

Karnataka notifies one-time OC relief for homeowners

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The CM had announced the OC exemption for homeowners and an OTS scheme for residential properties

Giving effect to the announcement made by Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar during his maiden Cabinet briefing, the State government has issued an order exempting residential buildings up to Ground+3 floors or Stilt Parking+4 floors constructed on plots measuring up to 2,400 sq. ft from obtaining Occupancy Certificates (OCs) for electricity connections within the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) limits.

Exemption

The order, issued on June 5, grants a one-time exemption to such buildings, with a 20% variation limit, provided they were completed and had applied for electricity connections on or before May 31, 2026.

Mr. Shivakumar had announced the OC exemption for homeowners and a One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme for residential properties.

The government had earlier exempted residential buildings up to Ground+2 floors or Stilt+3 floors constructed on plots measuring up to 1,200 sq. ft from obtaining OCs.

Site inspections

According to the latest order, electricity supply companies have been directed to conduct site inspections, photograph and document the buildings, and verify that they satisfy the prescribed conditions before providing electricity connections.

Nine booked for illegal quarry blast in Anekal

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The Anekal police have registered a case against nine persons for allegedly carrying out blasts without proper permissions and safety measures at a stone quarry in Thammanayakanahalli village of Anekal taluk. Police received credible information that blasting activities were being conducted at SLV Crusher in Survey No. 177 and conducted an inspection.

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SCHEDULE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT my client has negotiated with Smt. Kadriamma, Wife of Chikkappaiah, resident of Anakanur, KasabaHobli, Chikkaballapur Taluk and District, who has represented that she along with her family members are the absolute owner of the Schedule Properties described below, and my client has agreed to purchase the said Schedule Properties .

As a cautionary measure, my client hereby calls upon all person(s) or entity(ies) claiming or having any claim, right, title, interest, charge, lien, or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever over the Schedule Properties or any part thereof, whether by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, agreement to sell, transfer, lease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession, or otherwise howsoever, to submit such claims in writing, along with documentary proof, to the undersigned **within 10 (ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

If no such claim is received within the stipulated period, it shall be conclusively presumed that there are no claims or objections whatsoever, and my client shall proceed to register the Sale Deed in respect of the Schedule Property without any further reference to such claims, and any such claim, if made thereafter, shall be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No 1: All that All that part and parcel of the converted vide LNDC10002270 undeveloped property bearing Sy No 17/1 measuring 1 Acre 26 Guntas situated at Anakanur Village, KasabaHobli, Chikkaballapur Taluk and District and bounded on **East by :** Sy No 18/3; **West by :** Sy No 17/2; **North by :** Tandramaradhalli Limit; **South by :** Sy No 20/1 & 20/5.

Item No 2: All that All that part and parcel of the converted vide LNDC10002270 undeveloped property bearing Sy No 17/2 measuring 1 Acre 01 Guntas situated at Anakanur Village, KasabaHobli, Chikkaballapur Taluk and District and bounded on: **East by :** Sy No 17/1; **West by :** Sy No 17/4; **North by :** Tandramaradhalli Limit; **South by :** Sy No 20/1.

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Dated this 06th June 2026

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		B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering (Specialization: Rail Engineering)	4 Year	60	
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BEAUTIFUL, KIND 39, 163cm, responsible, well-educated professional. Seeks smart, warm, compatible groom. Caste no bar. Call/WA 9345 634 365.

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DOCTOR MD, DM, Salary 3 Lakhs pm, 1992/155cm Hindu (BC) Girl, fair, slim, cultured family, well settle in Bangalore, upper middle class seeks bridegroom MD/MS/DM or Highly qualified engineer with good Salary, caste no bar. Contact: 9845522122

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ENGLISH

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Hindu Nadar 26 yrs, 168 cm, Civil Judge Seeks Bridegroom Below 30 yrs from Same Profession / Group I / Group II Officer in Tamilnadu Only. 9710209761, 9840425972

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HINDU VOKKALIGA Gowda 31, B.E, from Coimbatore seeks Suitable Groom. Contact: 97917 68175.

MALAYALAM

DM DOCTOR Girl, 156/1992, Chennai seeks for suitable alliance. 9497168001, 9447493034

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Contact: 9769263777 balajilenka@gmail.com

34YRS BTECH (NIT) MBA IIT working in MNC Chennai 24 LPA Fair looking for suitable match CNB Ct:9940507235

DIVORCEE

DOCTOR Girl M D MEDICINE 31 years, divorced within a week of marriage seeks Doctor / professional. Contact: 7337607306 / 7760980402.

MALAYALAM

EZHAVA GIRL, 31/160, MBBS, MS, Gynec, fair, beatiful, upper-middle class, Senior Resident in a Govt. Med. College. Doctors/Professionals from Delhi/NCR/North India preferred. Mob: 8281425422.

NRI

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NRI GROOM wanted. Nair girl unmarried August 1974, well employed US citizen, caste no bar. Malayalam / Tamil US residents only Contact: 9895824803

30 Years/175 cm, Employed in Canada, Divorced, looking for a Genuine understanding life Partner. Contact 93810 57689

TAMIL

CHRISTIAN, CSI, BE, Entrepreneur, searching for a Rich/affluent groom from CSI and Christian Nadar from 25-29. 8138900235

RCSC CHRISTIAN, searching for any subcaste, Govt job grooms for my daughter from 32-36. 7356483111

CATHOLIC, MSC, 70 lakhs, UK, searching for a groom in any subcaste from 28-34. 8138900412

GOVT. DOCTOR (MD). 38yrs,157cm. Fair. Never married.RC.Christian (Vaniyar).Seeks Eng/Doc/Other professionals/caste no bar/ 38–40yrs. Never Married Christian Groom. India/abroad. Ct: 9940529886 / 9600573068

TAMIL MUSLIM girl 32/158cm, AVP-Principle Product Engineer, MNC, 34LPA, well-settled family, seeks Tamil speaking never married groom with similar bg. Ct. 63832 76233

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PARENTS of Tamil Hindu SC (AD) 29/150 Dr III PG Pediatrics in Bangalore seeks groom of MD/MS clinical subject from same community Tamil & Kannada language from Bangalore. Ph. 9739271395 / 9483517690

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DOCTOR PARENTS, 28 yrs Daughter (High - Functioning Special Child) seeks Hindu Nadar Groom from Madurai. Ct: 94437 51221

RC TAMIL, 1997/156cm, Radiographer, DRDT, seeks liberal– minded, suitable match, 9443784674, 00447878127414, mselvaraj24@yahoo.com.Caste no bar.

MUDALIYAR, ENT Surgeon, looking for a equal caste in Masters, Civil services and Well educated groom for my Daughter from 30-35. 8138900312

DIVORCED BRIDE, UK, looking for a rich and affluent groom in Hindu or Christian from 31-36. 8138900652

GROOM WANTED Naidu,30yrs,B.Tech, Divorce,Affluent business family in Chennai:6385293227

GROOM WANTED CNB, 27yrs, MBBS, MD, well educated family background in Chennai: 6385293227

HINDU SC/AD Age 38, BE Software Engineer, TCS Rs.1.50 Lakh/PM. Seeks Qualified Employed Groom. Contact: 99521 47216 / 88380 34943.

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GROOM WANTED Hindu Nadar 24 yrs,BE,M.Tech,SWE,1lp/m elite business family Ph:9380791999/, 9841329471

TAMIL

AGE 34 Yrs Nadar Doctor Divorcee, (Marriage not consummated) Seeks Only Doctor,Nadar Groom No issues Mail with Photo: sairamravi708@gmail.com

HINDU NADAR, – M.S. Ophthalmology – 33/168cm Vitreo–Retina Surgeon – Chennai – Seeking Bridegroom Cell: 9840038499

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MUDALIAR 33/160, Anusham, M.A (HR) , Father Business, Working Teacher International School, Own House at Adyar, Rental Income 1L, 10Acres, Seeks Qualified Well Placed Groom. Subsect No Bar, OBC Also. 9884863220.

MUDALIAR 25, BE, MS, 161cm, Good Looking Well Settled Family Seeks Groom CNB. Ct. 8778514465/ 7200866346

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Hindu Agamudaiyar, 1997, MS (USA) serving in the EU, seeks suitable and Qualified Groom. 9442614293

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GROOM WANTED CNB,26yrs, MBBS, MD, Running schools & Institutions in ChennaiPh: 6385293227

MUDALIYAR DOCTOR MS Ophthalmologist 35/165 Fair Chennai seeks well educated good family groom. 9962830417

MUDALIAR 26/162, Fair, BE, MS, SWE, TESLA, USA,145000. USD.PA, Affluent Fmly, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

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BRAHMIN, MODERATE family, MDS, all languages groom, location in Mumbai from 29-32 well educated doctor or other professionals. 8138900533

BEAUTIFUL, CARING 33, 165cm, intelligent (Master's), soft–spoken professional. Cultured, VEG, TamBram. Noted industrialist family. Seeks compatible groom. Call/WA 93456 34365

TAMIL

BRIDE GROOM WANTED
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DIVORCEE

MUDALIAR 34, Pub.Sec Employee Wellsettled, Short Divorcee, No issues Suitable Elite Bride Ct:W 9830282090

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HINDI

1985/175CM, 50 Lakhs PA, Never Married, Bangalore. WhatsApp: 96290 12248

MALAYALAM

Menon Boy, 26/186 IIM MBA, consulting, Thriketta, fair 1/2 Dosham Seeks Bride Nair/Menon working Professional preferably n/o Palakkad 9171891003

NRI

SMART CHRISTIAN 27, 178cm, well–educated (double MS), EU–based professional. Affluent business family. Seeks compatible bride. Community/language no bar. Call/WA 9345 634 365

HANDSOME, HEIGHT 190cm, 42 yrs, PhD (BioChem), Scientist in San Diego. Naidhruva Kasyapa from Smartha Brahmin, Veg, Teetotaler girl. Venkata_raman@yahoo.com

TAMIL

Looking for Brahmin, non-Kaushika groom for Iyer girl, 42/165, BE, MBA, earning 30 Lakhs pa. Contact: 9441243172

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TAMIL YADHAVA, BE MBA (IIM) 32/162, well employed, seeks Professionally qualified and employed Groom from respectable Family. Contact: 98402 30025

Hindu Valluvan 41yrs, MBA, IT. MNC Working, seeks Suitable Groom, CNB, First Marriage only. Ct: 99414 43920

Doctor MD FRCEM, Unmarried 37 Years/175, Working in UK seeks Hindu Professional Groom with clean habits Contact: 8826501199

NRI

SUCCESSFUL, RESPONSIBLE 48, 180cm, well–educated, US–based professional. Seeks compatible bride. Caste/ language no bar. Call/WA 9345 634 365

TAMIL

CSI CHRISTIAN Boy 38 years Divorcee, MDS, Dental Surgeon, Own Clinic, 7 Lakh PM, well settled, Coimbatore, Seeks bride, Caste & Religion No bar. Ct: 9843865067 / 9790166987

CHRISTIAN NADAR, Doctor, Divorcee 37yrs/178cm, MBBS, Dip in Cardiology better earning lives in Nagercoil seeks qualified/ Divorced Bride. 9003983230

CHRISTIAN 26/BE/172/12L PA Well Settled Family Seeks Educated Bride. Subsect No Bar. Contact : 8148004573

TAMIL CATHOLIC Bachelor 52 years, B.Sc / 25000 Seeks God Fearing Tamil Catholic Spinster. Ct: 9840319390 / E Mail: edwindinroze059@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN NADAR 1st Marriage 54/ 174 MPhil GovtOficer 30L & 53/170 PhD Prof House@Chennai.Seek upto 45 FC/BC Educated Professional 9444032498

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TAMIL MUSLIM 32 yrs, BE, MBA, Software Engineer, MNC, Seeks Employed Bride. Contact: 9444008160

RC CHRISTIAN, 43yrs/170, B.E. Software Engineer, never married, works for mnc, Chennai. CT– 9500188067

EZHAVA Boy 28/174cm Midhunam, Coimbatore Based, BE Mech. Eng, Working in Chennai. Seeks suitable Girl from good family, no demands. 9443136400, 9443222000.

SUITABLE GIRL for a Sofware Developer, born 1997 in USA, 175cm, Wheatish complexion/ Athletic/ Handsome Tamil Mudaliar. Caste no bar. Ct: 6379372255/ Mail: rs123home@gmail.com

HINDU NADAR, 43/171, B.Tech, MS, Working in Canada, First Marriage, willing to relocate to US,London. Seeks Bride, Caste No Bar. 8148166505.

DOCTOR PARENTS, Hindu Nadar, 25 yrs, M.S Gen. Surgeon seeks MBBS Bride. Ct: 94437 51221

KONGU VELLALA gounder, 28, USA, MS, IAS Family, looking for a bride in same caste and well educated family. 8137003550

31 YRS groom doing M.Ch Urology, Chennai, seeks vegetarian PG doctor / professional non medico bride Contact : 9080296807

MUDALIAR DIVORCEE,PHD,PROFESSOR Pvt Eng.Collage, age 53, Magaram Seeks educated unmarried/ widow/ Divor cee without child from FC/ OBC (40–4 5yrs) No Brokers Contact 9150799959

VANIYA CHETTIYAR, 28, MS, Engineer, 45 lakhs, Sweden, searching for same caste and any subcaste from anywhere in Tamilnadu. 8137001255

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NAIDU: 25/V.FAIR, B.Arch, Doing Father Business, Chennai, Elite Family (100cr), seeks any Telegu Groom Business / Eng – 9962530015

DIVORCEE CHETTIAR (CNB) 27yrs / Beautiful, MBBS,MS, Doctor, Chennai, Elite family,Only daughter–seeks groom Doctor/Any PG Degree–8925019776

NAIDU 28/162 TELUGU/CHENNAI B.Tech MNC BANK seeking educated professional groom contact FATHER–9445908221

CHENNAI NAIDU 34/5"5 Sadhyam Kumbham BE MBA,Fair Good Looking Girl For Remarriage Short Lived,Seeks Groom From India/Abroad.CNB. Ph:93447 09905/ 95000 09694.

ANDHRA LADY Doctor, MD, 35, Fair, Slim, Good looking, Divorcee, Balija, highly Educated family, Well to do, requires suitable Bridegroom, Language No Barrier. Call: 9380273428

NAIDU 25/167, Fair, B.Tech, MS, SWE, X–Twitter,USA, 120000.USD.PA, Affluent , CNB, 9043991629, 9043987029

CAVARA NAIDU age 30 Software Engineer Thiruvonam maharam D/B 3.7.1996 groom wanted Contact number: 9790548816

TAMIL

BRIDE WANTED Hindu Nadar 31 yrs,BE, MS (sweden), height 175cm, SWE in sweden,4 lakhs/m from same caste. Contact 9380791999,9611783576, 9841329471

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NADAR 38 Barani legally divorcee Christian,nokids,ME PhD, Proff. Chennai seeks bride Reli.CNB. 9443269548.

BRIDE WANTED Hindu Nadar 28 yrs, MCA,SWE,1.5 L/pm, business family Ph: 9841329471,9380791999

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TAMIL YADAVA Boy, M.B.A, 38, Ayilyam, System Er. TCS, Chennai. Rs.60000/-pm. Seeks Yadava bride within TN. Contact through Tamil. Whatsapp : 9965673354 / Cell :7373386474

MUDALIYAR BE 41 Chennai Asst Manager, Private. 1st Marriage. Decent Background 8610518808, 9952010118

MUDALIAR 33/175 MD Pediatrician having Own hospital seeks bride MD/MS Doctor only Ct: 8870616803/ 9443626706

HINDU KONGU Vellala Gounder, 39/184, Sadayam, MBA, 48.L.PA. Working and Business, Owns House and Plots at Chennai seeks suitable educated BC Bride. Caste No Bar. WhatsApp: 93603 23979

THU VELA 46 MPT ORTHO, 90,000/ PM, 1st Mrg. Any age / Degree, CNB (DIV), CT: 94434 9219

HINDU, BRAHMIN 48yrs, Working in Auto Mobile Industry – Chennai, Sal: Rs.1Lakhs per month. 2 Own house in Chennai. Seeks suitable Bride. Ct:–9952040280 / 9486428668

ALLIANCE invited for a Hindu groom, 29 years, financially stable, working in a reputed bank at Chidambaram. Owns an independent house. Seeking a suitable, qualified bride. , Contact – 94866 28729

BALIJA NAIDU (Gavara) Age–29 Siva / Avittam/ Makram–Own HouseShipping co,50k PM–Working Bride. 9092646504

BRIDE WANTED Naidu,28yrs,B.Tech, MBA, civil service background Ph:6385293227

PARENTS OF Devendra Kula Velalar settled @ Chennai, family is looking for a suitable alliance for their son aged 29 yrs. M.E Software Consultant Ct: 094449 02830, 09444 292830

MUDALIAR 28/182, H.some, BTech, MS, SWE, ADOBE, USA,185000.$.PA, ELITE, 40 Cr, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

HINDU SC Arunthathiar Jana Kilai 34, TNEB AE Rs.1Lakh Per Month 6379366910

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TAMIL

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KSTOA seeks clarity on digital compliance burden under amended CMV rules

The amendments mandate installation and operation of multiple digital systems, including AIS-140-based VLTDs, e-SIM connectivity, geo-tagged video inspections, and more.

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The Karnataka State Travel Operators' Association (KSTOA) has urged the Union government to revise the implementation framework of the recently amended Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, cautioning that the new digital compliance requirements could place an impractical burden on commercial vehicle operators.

Association president K. Radhakrishna Holla said that while the organisation welcomed the Centre's objective of strengthening road safety, improving vehicle quality monitoring, and enhancing administrative transparency through a notification, the responsibility framework required reconsideration.

The amendments mandate installation and operation of multiple digital systems, including AIS-140-based Vehicle Location Tracking Devices (VLTDs), e-SIM connectivity, geo-tagged video inspections, High Security Registration Plates (HSRP), and digital data storage infrastructure, according to the association.

Mr. Holla pointed out that placing the entire responsibility for maintaining and ensuring uninterrupted functioning of these systems on vehicle owners would create "significant practical challenges".

'Statutory obligations'

"Commercial vehicle operators are already managing a wide range of statutory obligations such as road taxes, insurance, permit fees, fitness certification, fuel expenses, employee wages, and toll charges. Adding technical responsibilities like software updates, connectivity maintenance, and troubleshooting is neither practical nor fair," he said.

The association argued that vehicle manufacturer (OEMs) and their authorised dealers, who design and install such digital systems, are better equipped to handle their maintenance.

The association proposed that OEMs be mandated to provide technical support, software updates, and uninterrupted connectivity services for a minimum of 10 years from the date of registration.

Further, Mr. Holla stressed that liability arising from malfunction or disruption of digital systems, particularly if it affects vehicle fitness certification or permit validity, should rest with manufacturers or service providers, rather than vehicle owners.

Mr. Holla also flagged potential administrative challenges for Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) and Automated Testing Stations (ATSs), which would be required to monitor large volumes of digital data, including video records and tracking systems.

The association called for a phased implementation of the new requirements. "The provisions should initially apply only to newly registered vehicles. Extending them immediately to existing fleets would impose severe financial and operational strain," Mr. Holla said.

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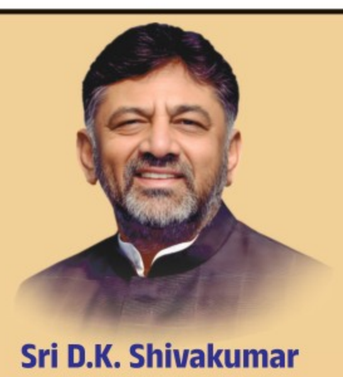

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3	V- 20	4BHK:T-1D	1844.2	V-15	ROAD	V-21	V-19	1,26,00,000.00
4	V- 21	4BHK:T-1D	1844.2	V-14	ROAD	ROAD	V-20	1,26,00,000.00
5	V- 22	4BHK:T-1C	1804.8	ROAD	V-27	PARK	V-23	1,26,00,000.00
6	V- 27	4BHK:T-1D	1844.2	V-22	ROAD	PARK	V-26	1,26,00,000.00
7	V- 44	4BHK:T-1B	1844.2	PARK	V-45	PARK	ROAD	1,26,00,000.00
8	V- 45	4BHK:T-1B	1844.2	V-44	V-46	PARK	ROAD	1,26,00,000.00
9	V- 46	4BHK:T-1B	1844.2	V-45	ROAD	PARK	ROAD	1,26,00,000.00
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11	V- 57	4BHK:T-1C	1804.8	ROAD	V-59	V-56	PARK	1,26,00,000.00
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The KSPCA member cites complaints that some officers stop vehicles unnecessarily during night checking and behave discourteously with motorists. FILE PHOTO

KSPCA seeks alcohol tests on night-duty personnel in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Police Complaints Authority (KSPCA) has written to the Director-General and Inspector-General of Police (DG and IGP) urging introduction of mandatory alcohol testing and stricter monitoring of personnel deployed on night duty following recurring complaints of misconduct by some personnel.

In a letter addressed to the State police chief, KSPCA member Mohan Kumar Danappa highlighted allegations that some police personnel on night duty have been visiting roadside eateries and private hotels, consuming food without payment, engaging in arguments with hotel owners, using abusive language and, in some cases, assaulting members of the public.

It also refers to incidents of police personnel allegedly purchasing alcohol while in uniform, and consuming liquor while on duty.

Mr. Danappa further cited complaints that some officers stop vehicles unnecessarily during night checking and behave discourteously with motorists even when all required documents are produced and no traffic violation is detected. Such incidents, he said, are frequently circulated on social media, tarnishing the image of the department and eroding public trust.

To address the issue, he has requested the DGP to issue a State-wide circular directing all police units and stations to conduct alcohol tests on personnel before they commence night duty.

He also recommended regular supervision of patrol vehicles, including emergency response vehicle staff, and surprise inspections and breathalyser tests during patrol hours.

The letter seeks directions to ensure that these instructions are communicated to all officers and staff during daily roll-call sessions, and enforced strictly across Karnataka.

Days after CM moots idea, police circles told to form anti-rowdy squads

Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar had stressed the need to eradicate rowdyism and strengthen law and order in Karnataka in his first meeting with senior officers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Under the new framework, every police circle and every police station in urban areas will have an anti-rowdy squad functioning under the supervision of the Circle Inspector, while stations headed by Police Inspectors will maintain separate station-level squad. FILE PHOTO

Director-General and Inspector-General of Police M.A. Saleem has directed all police circles across the State to constitute a dedicated anti-rowdy squad.

This comes in the backdrop of Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, in his first meeting with senior officers, mooting the idea of such squads at the taluk level. Mr. Shivakumar stressed the need to eradicate rowdyism and strengthen law and order in the State at the meeting held on Thursday.

Under the new framework, every police circle – a group of police stations headed by a Circle Inspector in rural areas – and every police station in urban areas will have an anti-rowdy squad functioning under the supervision of the Circle Inspector, while stations headed by Police Inspectors will maintain separate station-level squads. The composition of the teams will be determined by the respective ACPs and Sub-Divisional Police Officers (SDPOs) based on local crime conditions.

The squads have been tasked with verifying criminal cases and opening new rowdy sheets wherever necessary

The squads have been tasked with verifying criminal cases against individuals and opening new rowdy sheets wherever necessary. They will also maintain updated records of rowdy sheeters, conduct regular surveillance, identify emerging criminal gangs, gather actionable intelligence and monitor habitual offenders involved in activities affecting public peace.

The circular further directs officers to initiate preventive measures such as proceedings under the Goonda Act, the Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act (KCOCA), 2000, externment procedures and other legal provisions. Effective execution of warrants, bonds and other lawful proceedings against rowdy elements has also been made a priority.

To ensure accountability, Circle Inspectors and Station House Officers have been instructed to review the functioning of anti-rowdy squads every fortnight, while ACPs and SDPOs will assess their performance during monthly crime meetings. Unit heads have been directed to periodically review and update rowdy sheets in accordance with existing rules. The police headquarters has also ordered maintenance of separate registers documenting the activities and achievements of the squads. Monthly reports detailing surveillance operations, preventive actions, warrant execution and enforcement measures must be submitted through proper channels.

Reiterating a zero-tolerance policy towards rowdyism, the circular states that incidents involving intimidation, extortion, forcible collection of money, gang activity, public disorder and other unlawful conduct must be dealt with promptly and firmly in accordance with the law.

All Commissioners of Police, Range IGs, DIGs and Superintendents of Police have been directed to constitute the squads and submit compliance reports to Police Headquarters within seven days.

Woman, her 'live-in partner' booked for 'murder' of daughter

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Three months after the mysterious death of a five-year-old girl in Kadugodi, the police have registered a murder case against the child's mother and her alleged live-in partner following a complaint lodged by the girl's father.

The case pertains to the death of Vennila, who was found dead on March 25 at a villa in Seegehalli under the jurisdiction of the Kadugodi police station. Based on the complaint lodged by the girl's father, Praveen Basappa, the police registered a case against his estranged wife, Priyanka P., and her alleged partner Mohan J. Mahaningappa.

According to the complaint, Praveen and Priyanka got married in 2007 and have two daughters. Praveen alleged that Priyanka rekindled a relationship with her college friend Mohan in late 2025 and subsequently began living with him in Bengaluru after seeking a divorce. Their younger daughter, Vennila, was reportedly staying with the mother, while the elder daughter remained with Praveen.

The complainant stated that on March 25, he received information from Priyanka's brother that Vennila had died. Priyanka allegedly gave varying explanations, claiming at one point that the child had eaten biryani the previous night and, on another occasion, that she had been given ice cream and later left sleeping in an air-conditioned car.

Praveen said he later obtained the post-mortem report and shared it with a relative, a paediatric specialist, who allegedly expressed suspicion. This prompted him to approach the police with allegations that the child may have been assaulted and suffocated.

In his complaint, Praveen alleged that Priyanka and Mohan intended to start a new life together.

Police sources said that Mohan has been arrested in connection with the case, while efforts are under way to trace Priyanka, who is currently absconding.

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No.: CEE/SLDC/SEE-SCADA/F-48/2026-27/1148 Date: 06.06.2026

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against. **Bid Tender No. KPTCL/2026-27/OT-001** for **"Design, Supply and Commissioning of Integrated OT Security for KPTCL".**

The details can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **15.06.2026** and the last date & time for receipt of bid is as in e-Portal. Any extensions of due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the e-Portal and if any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours. All Corrigendum /Addendums shall be noticed by the Bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy), SLDC, KPTCL, # 28, Race Course Cross Road, A R Circle, Bengaluru-09

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: ECN-TRD-04-2026-RT Dated: 03.06.2026
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Electrification of Proposed Construction of New Crossing station at Sravanur with structures / foundation suitable for 2x25kv OHE.	Rs. 2,56,82,475.13

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 25.06.2026**
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No.: B-TRD-29-2026-27-OT-15 Dated: 03.06.2026
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Provision of various OHE / PSI caution boards and Sectioning Diagrams over Bengaluru (SBC).	Rs. 72,10,395.49/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 22.06.2026**
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
COMMERCIAL TAXES DEPARTMENT
Office of the Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes(Admn.), Divisional GST office, Malnad Division, VanijyaTherigeBhavan, GopalaGowda Extension, SHIVAMOGGA-577205. Ph: 08182-258707/258708
Dated: 04-06-2026.

Short term e-Tender Notification
(Through e-procurement system only)

The Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Admn). Shivamogga. hereby issues Tender Notification and invites separate Technical and Financial bids (two cover system) from the reputed and eligible man-power agencies for providing services of the following personnel under the KTPP Act, 1999.

1. Intergrated services (House keeping, Security and other services) - 31 Nos. The last date for submission of tender: 14-06-2026 (5.30 PM). Date and time of opening of Technical Bid: 15-06-2026 (11.00 AM). Date and time of opening financial bid: 17-06-2026 (12.00 AM). Tender documents with detailed terms and conditions can be obtained through websitehttp://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and for any other details and clarifications contact the undersigned office during office hours.

Sd/-Joint Commissioner of Commrl. Taxes (Admn). Shivamogga.
DIPR/smg/ksmca/26-27/16/06/325

UNION BANK OF INDIA
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Regional Office : 2254, Kousalya, 3rd Floor, Vinoba Road, Mysuru-570005

E-AUCTION NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Ramapura Branch, Ramapura Gramapanchayathi, Ramapura – 562160, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Dist Ph: 9494598880, Mail Id: ubin0918407@unionbankofindia.bank.in

1. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-applicant And Guarantor:
1) Mr. Yelle Gowda, Ramapura Village And Post, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara-562160
2) Mrs. Shashi, Ramapura Village And Post, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara – 562160
Amount due : Rs. 6,92,110-00 as on 31-05-2026 with further interest, cost & expenses.
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Part And Parcel Of Residential House In The Name Of **Smt Shashi,** Bearing Property / Khaneshumar No. 256/184, Ramapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. **Measuring East-West: 22 Feet, North-South : 43.5 Feet, Total: 957 Square feet. Bounded On The East:** Road, **West:** House Of Pyasegowda, **North:** Marigowda's Malavaiah Vacant Space, **South:** House Of Puttamma.

Reserve Price :
Rs. 13,85,505-00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Five Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited :
Rs. 1,38,551-00 (Rupees One Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty One Only)

Mylanayakana Hosahalli Branch, Bevoor Road, Opposite Govt Middle School, Mylanayakanahosahalli Village, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District-562160. Contact no: - 7780582212, Mail Id: ubin0918814@unionbankofindia.bank.in

2. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-applicant And Guarantor:
1) Mrs. Gowramma W/o Nanjegowda, Thowtanahalli, H-Mogenahalli Post, Channapatna Taluk, Ramangara – 562108
2) Mr. Nanjegowda S/o Kenchegowda, Thowtanahalli, H-Mogenahalli Post, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara – 562108
3) Mr. Vishkantaiah T N, S/o Nanjegowea, Thowtanahalli, H-Mogenahalli Post, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara – 562108
4) Mr. Chandan T N, S/o Nanjegowda, Thowtanahalli, H-Mogenahalli Post, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara – 562108
Amount due : Rs. 16,68,428-00 as on 31-05-2026 with further interest, cost & expenses.
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Part And Parcel Of The Residential House In The Name Of **Mr. Nanjegowda & Gowramma.** Bearing Katha No. 37/36, Unique No 152900100800700040, Thowtanahalli Village, Byadarahalli Gramapanchayath Maluru Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara. **Measuring East-West: 20 feet, North-South: 33 feet Total 660 square feet, Bounded By East:** 6 feet Passage, **West:** 2 feet Passage, **North:** Own Property & Then 20 CC Road, **South:** Private Property.

Reserve Price :
Rs. 14,92,952-00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Ninety two Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Two Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited :
Rs. 1,49,296-00 (Rupees One Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Six Only)

Date and time of E-Auction : Date 24-06-2026 From 12.00 pm to 5.00 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : On or before the commencement of e-Auction.
E-auction website- https://baanknet.com

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Date : 07-06-2026
Place : Mysuru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No.2, 2/1 and 2/3, Kalidasa Marg, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009. Phone No. 080-22265383
website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/PMC/EPTND-EP-02/1519/2026-27 Date: 06.06.2026

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR PROVIDING PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tenders under Quality Based Consultancy System (QCBS) as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Consulting Firms under two cover system for the following works :

Name of the Works : 1) Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Installation, Erection, Laying, Construction and Commissioning of MS Pipe Gravity Main from Doddaballapura junction to Gowribidanur and Other Industrial Areas, 5 years of O&M for Providing & supplying fresh water to the industrial areas in districts around Bengaluru on EPC Basis. (Package-5) (2nd Call)

2) Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Installation, Erection,Laying, Construction and Commissioning Jackwell cum pump house, M S pipe Rising Main from Yetinahole Gravity canal to MS Gravity pipe near KWIN City including Pumping Machineries and allied works inside the pump houses,SCADA, Land Acquisition & 5 years of O&M for Providing & supplying fresh water to the industrial areas in districts around Bengaluru on EPC Basis. (Package-6) (3rd Call)

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **24.06.2026** upto **04.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Engineer-in-Chief, KIADB Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/1036/NR/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients-Muralidhara B, S/o Devara Bettappa, Rayala Priyanka, w/o Dongy Choudary Nuvvula and Asharani T K, D/o T M Kantharaju have negotiated with the owners-Anitha, W/o B C Srinivasachari, her son and daughter, to purchase the agricultural land bearing Old Sy. No.55 and New Sy No.55/1 measuring 1 Acres 11 Guntas (out of 2 Acres 22 Guntas), belongs to them and situated at Bodhanahosahalli Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, and bounded on East by : Originally Property of Hanumappa s/o Savaarappa and presently Property bearing Sy No.61 and 62/1, West by: Originally Property of Chikkavenkatappa and presently Property in Sy.No. 54/4 belongs to J Mallikarjunappa, North by : Property bearing New Sy.No. 56/2 belongs to R Manjunath, and South by : Property bearing Sy.No. 55/2 belongs to Anandachari B C.

Any person/s having or asserting any right, title, possession or interest/claims or intending to oppose the purchase by my clients in any manner, may file your objections to the undersigned within 7 days in writing from the date of publication of this notice with original documentary proof, where after no such claims will be entertained and my clients will proceed with the purchase of the above-mentioned property as there is no objection to purchase the property mentioned supra.

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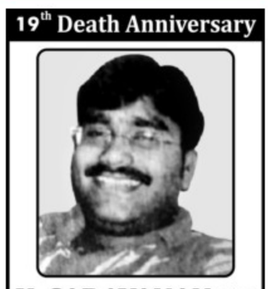
DEATH

SRI K RAJAGOPALAN
(aged 92, retired Southern Railways)
passed away
Sunday May 31, 2026,
in Chennai. Survived by wife, children and grandchildren.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

19th Death Anniversary



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SWR plans goods sheds, freight handling infra along new lines

The initiative will reduce dependence on road transport, cut logistics costs and improve market access for producers

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The proposed infrastructure spans several corridors across the State, including Gadag-Wadi, Bagalkot-Kudachi, Ginigera-Raichur, Dharwad-Belagavi, and Tumakuru-Davangere. FILE PHOTO

Officials say that specialised infrastructure is being considered at select locations to maximise efficiency

To strengthen Karnataka's logistics backbone, South Western Railway (SWR) plans to establish dedicated railway goods sheds and freight handling infrastructure along newly proposed rail corridors, which are expected to help key agricultural, mining and industrial regions in the State.

The initiative focuses on integrating freight facilities such as rail-level platforms and goods loading lines into new railway alignments. Officials said that the move would reduce dependence on road transport, cut logistics costs and improve market access for producers.

Senior railway officials indicated that the strategy goes beyond conventional rail expansion. "The objective is not merely to connect towns, but to directly link production centres with consumption markets. By placing goods sheds within high-output clusters, we are creating decentralised economic nodes," senior SWR official told *The Hindu*.

Karnataka railway freight push

Railway alignment	Primary commodity focus
Gadag-Wadi	Iron ore, cement, paddy, pulses
Bagalkot-Kudachi	Processed sugar, cement, clinker, limestone
Ginigera-Raichur	Commercial paddy, rice milling, cotton
Dharwad-Belagavi	Automotive manufacturing, POL siding, heavy engineering
Kadur-Hassan-Belur	Coffee, black pepper, timber, plantation assets
Tumakuru-Davangere	Minerals, industrial freight, textiles, oilseeds
Shivamogga-Ranebennur	Arecanut, commercial seeds, maize, timber

Source: South Western Railway

Proposed infra

The proposed infrastructure spans several corridors across the State, including Gadag-Wadi, Bagalkot-Kudachi, Ginigera-Raichur, Dharwad-Belagavi, and Tumakuru-Davangere. These alignments pass through regions known for commodities such as iron ore, cement, sugar, paddy, cotton and oilseeds.

In north Karnataka, the Gadag-Wadi and Bagalkot-Kudachi lines are expected to benefit mining and cement industries, besides sugar factories in districts such as Bagalkot and Belagavi. Freight loading facilities at multiple stations will allow bulk commodities to be transported directly from source points, reducing pressure on already strained road networks.

Similarly, in the Raichur-Koppal belt, often referred to as the State's "rice bowl", new goods sheds in Gangavathi and Sindhanur are expected to streamline the large-scale movement of foodgrains.

"This will enable faster rake loading and improve supply to deficit States, strengthening the national food supply chain," an official said.

Address challenges

The plan also addresses long-standing logistical challenges in the Malnad and central Karnataka regions.

The Shivamogga-Ranebennur line is expected to facilitate transport of arecanut, maize and timber, while the Tumakuru-Davangere corridor, running parallel to National Highway 48, will support mineral transport and industrial freight.

Officials said that specialised infrastructure is being considered at select locations to maximise efficiency.

These include proposals for cement handling terminals, cold-chain facilities for horticulture produce, and multi-modal logistics parks to integrate rail with road transport.

"Strategic additions such as cold storage at Kudachi and a logistics hub near Davangere can significantly enhance value chains. These are not just railway projects, but economic enablers," the official added.

The Hassan-Chikkamagaluru-Belur section is expected to particularly benefit the plantation economy, enabling smoother export of coffee, pepper and timber through connectivity to coastal ports.

Owners can't be forced to give up land free of cost based on master plan: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has held that civic authorities cannot compel private landowners to surrender a portion of their land free of cost for widening an existing road, solely on the basis of a proposal in the master plan for road widening under the Karnataka Town and Country Planning (KTCP) Act, 1961, by imposing such a condition for approving a building plan.

If civic authorities require the land for road widening in public interest, the court said they must "resort to legally recognised statutory mechanisms, including acquisition proceedings under Section 69 of the KTCP Act read with the applicable land acquisition law, along with payment of due compensation, or grant of Transferable Development Rights wherever permissible under the applicable planning regulations. Free relinquishment without any form of consideration is not a legally available option."

Demand of GBA

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order while quashing the demand made by the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) asking a landowner to surrender a portion of his land free of cost for widening the Kanakapura Main Road from 31 metres to 45 metres under the Revised Master Plan, 2015, as a precondition for releasing an already-approved building plan.

Petitioner Shashikumar M. had questioned the civic authority's insistence on executing a registered relinquishment deed for 380.71 square metres of his property in Thalagattapura village without payment of any compensation, contending that such a demand was "without authority of law" and violative of Article 300A of the Constitution of India.

The petitioner, who owns approximately 2 acres and 4.5 guntas of residentially converted land, had sought modification of an earlier sanctioned plan to permit the construction of a residential complex comprising 148 units. After complying with all statutory requirements, paying fees exceeding ₹1.33 crore, and obtaining the necessary approvals, the modified plan was approved by the authorities on September 26, 2024. However, the civic authority withheld the release of the approved plan, demanding that the petitioner first surrender the land required for widening the Kanakapura Main Road.

Upholding the petitioner's contentions, the court held that the statutory obligation to surrender land without compensation applies only to roads, parks, and civic amenity sites forming part of a private layout formed by a developer with the approval of the authorities. However, land earmarked for widening existing public roads under a master plan stands on an entirely different footing. It must be secured through acquisition proceedings under Section 69 of the Act, accompanied by payment of compensation or grant of Transferable Development Rights (TDR) as per the law, the court clarified.

Terming the precondition imposed by the authority as "colourable exercise of power", the court said that "a mere designation of land in a master plan neither divests the owner of title nor creates a coercive power enabling compulsory surrender of property". The court also made it clear that "what cannot be done directly through lawful acquisition cannot be indirectly achieved through the exercise of regulatory leverage" by imposing a precondition for either approving a plan or releasing an already approved plan.

Meanwhile, the court rejected the civic authority's argument that the road widening would benefit the petitioner's development by improving access and enhancing property value. It held that incidental benefits from public infrastructure projects cannot extinguish constitutional protection over private property, and that such enhancement in value may only be a factor considered while determining compensation.

Naadan Comics turn *The Hindu* Huddle sessions into comics in real-time

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

When eminent speakers were exchanging thought-provoking ideas on the stage of *The Hindu* Huddle, the team of Naadan Comics, an AI-based storytelling company, was also at work.

In real time, Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Chinese Ambassador to India Xu Feihong, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and senior journalists of *The Hindu* appeared as characters alongside T Rex, the dino mascot of Naadan Comics on the social media handles of the Naadan Comics.

As the conversations engaged the audience gathered at the event, the comics took it to the online audience, conveying the important moments from the sessions with a comical twist in real time.

"We call it live comic journalism," said Kamalakkannan Durairaju, who goes by Kamal.

The company, which experiments with innovative storytelling, blending AI, creativity and real-time storytelling, dedicated two panels for each session, with one of them focusing on the session topic and the other on its future possibilities.

The team also ensured to include an elephant mascot alongside T Rex in each comic, in a hat tip to the elephant which appears in *The Hindu* logo. While the mascots appear to be passive spectators in some comics, they could be seen passing active opinions in a few others.

"We experiment with formats to make it more readable. There will be a human on the ground, and then the content is fed into a model to generate the comic in real time," Mr. Kamal said.

While the market for comics for India is relatively low in terms of revenue, the Naadan Comics team sees a possibility in the events space.

"Comics hold a lot of potential for promotion and branding, as well as a space to express what the common man wants to say," said Mr. Kamal.

Hard labour

Sweating it out: Labourers pushing a handcart at Bunder amid rains in Mangaluru on Saturday. H.S. MANJUNATH

Infections, fractures reason for repeat hip replacement surgeries: Study

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

A 15-year study conducted at two tertiary care referral hospitals has found that infections and fracture-related complications are becoming increasingly important reasons for revision hip replacement surgeries in India.

This shift reflects the large number of young patients with demanding lifestyles who undergo these surgeries and subsequently experience such complications.

The study, recently published in the Journal of Clinical Orthopaedics and Trauma, analysed 252 revision total hip arthroplasty (rTHA) procedures performed between 2011 and 2025 at SPARSH Hospital for Advanced Surgeries, Bengaluru, and KIMS Sunshine Hospital, Hyderabad. Both these institutions are tertiary referral centres that routinely receive complex failed hip replacement cases performed across different hospitals and regions of the country. Therefore, the study reflects the broader pattern and complexity of revision hip arthroplasty cases presenting in India, the authors said.

The study reflects the broader pattern of revision hip arthroplasty cases in India. GETTY IMAGES

> Revision surgeries today are technically far more advanced than in the past as techniques and variety of implants available have dramatically improved
>
> **RAVIKUMAR MUKARTIHAL**
> Consultant orthopaedic surgeon at SPARSH Hospital

The revision hip arthroplasty refers to additional surgery performed when a previously implanted artificial hip develops complications such as loosening, infection, instability or fractures around the implant.

Researchers noted that aseptic loosening—where implants gradually lose fixation without infection—continues to remain the single most common reason for revision surgery. However, its relative contribution has steadily declined over the years due to availability of better implants and techniques. At the same time, infections, instability and fracture-related complications are becoming more prominent causes for complex revision procedures.

The authors emphasised that modern hip replacement surgery remains one of the most successful procedures in orthopaedics, with a majority of patients experiencing excellent pain relief, mobility, long-term implant survival and quality of life.

However, with an increase in both young and elderly patients undergoing joint replacement surgery and their longer lifespan with implants, the overall number and complexity of revision surgeries are naturally expected to rise overtime.

Ravikumar Mukartihal, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at SPARSH Hospital and one of the lead authors of the study, said revision surgeries today are technically far more advanced than in the past as techniques and variety of implants available have dramatically improved. "We are now increasingly managing infections, instability and fractures, which often require advanced reconstruction techniques and careful patient optimisation," Dr. Mukartihal said.

Higher risk

One of the important findings of the study was the higher complication risk seen in medically vulnerable patients.

The researchers found that patients with two or more uncontrolled comorbidities had significantly higher risks of infection following revision surgery.

A.V. Guruva Reddy, chief joint replacement surgeon at KIMS Sunshine Hospital and co-author of the study, said careful preoperative medical optimisation plays a major role in improving outcomes. "Conditions such as diabetes, nutritional deficiencies and cardiovascular disease can influence recovery and infection risk. Careful preparation before surgery is essential in achieving good long-term outcomes," Dr. Reddy said.

Sharan S. Patil, chief orthopaedic surgeon at SPARSH Hospital and another co-author of the study, said the findings highlight the need to create centres of excellence for these highly specialised revision arthroplasty services.

Advanced techniques

The increasing availability of advanced reconstruction options, including Indian-manufactured 3D-printed acetabular implants and customised revision systems, is improving the management of severe bone loss and complex revision hip surgeries in India.

These technologies are enabling surgeons to perform difficult revision procedures more effectively while improving accessibility and affordability for patients, Dr. Patil said. The findings underscored the importance of long-term follow-up after primary hip replacement surgery, as early detection of infection, implant loosening or instability could reduce complications and improve outcomes, the researchers said.

They added that advances in implant design, surgical techniques, infection prevention and perioperative care continue to improve the durability and success of modern hip replacements.

Timings
BENGALURU

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RISE 05:53 SET 18:44
RISE 00:00 SET 11:26

MONDAY, JUN. 08
RISE 05:53 SET 18:45
RISE 00:05 SET 12:14

TUESDAY, JUN. 09
RISE 05:53 SET 18:45
RISE 00:43 SET 13:04

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	34	15
Mysuru	29	20
Bengaluru	29	21

Bengaluru Today
31°C The weather will be slight warm. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower with gusty winds to occur. Night will be comfortable.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
32°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be little warm. Night also will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

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Children from Bihar learn in Kannada at Hassan government school

Sathish G.T.
HASSAN

Every morning, when Pramila S.P., a government primary school teacher in Hassan, leaves for work, eight students from migrant families accompany her in an autorickshaw to the Government Lower Primary School at Pirumanahalli, about eight km away.

For the past three years, Ms. Pramila has been doing much more than teaching. With 27 years of experience, she has helped children from Bihar overcome language barriers and enter the formal education system.

Teacher Pramila S.P. with her students, who are natives of Bihar. SATHISH G.T.

The eight students – Sanam Kumari, Nidhi Kumari, Radhika Kumari and Preethi Kumari (class 4), and Ranjani Kumari, Shivani Kumari, Sonu Kumar and Prince Kumar (class 2) – could neither understand Kannada nor communicate with their teacher when they first joined the school.

Teething troubles

"It was extremely difficult in the beginning," Ms. Pramila recalled. With no common language, she relied on gestures, demonstrations and repetition to teach basic concepts. For months, she used sign language to communicate and gradually built the children's confidence and trust. She also paid attention to their personal hygiene, helping them maintain cleanliness and develop healthy habits. Today, the transformation is remarkable. The children can speak, read and write Kannada, sing Kannada songs and recite *vachanas*. Some of them conversed fluently in Kannada with *The Hindu*.

> Many parents had never seriously considered sending their children to school. After sustained efforts, they finally agreed
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> **PRAMILA S.P.**
> Teacher at Government Lower Primary School, Pirumanahalli

The journey began three years ago when Ms. Pramila noticed a group of children in a ginger field on the outskirts of Hassan. Curious, she approached them, but could not communicate because of the language barrier. Determined to help, she and a colleague traced the families to an abandoned marriage hall, near the BM Road bypass, where migrant workers from Bihar had rented rooms.

The families had travelled to Hassan in search of work and earned daily wages by working in ginger fields, fruit stalls and construction sites. Ms. Pramila visited them repeatedly and persuaded parents to enrol their children in school. "Many parents had never seriously considered sending their children to school. After sustained efforts, they finally agreed," she said.

As a result, eight children were admitted to her school, while teachers from nearby Anniganahalli and Sankalapura schools helped enrol about 10 more children from migrant families.

However, challenges remain. According to Ms. Pramila, several migrant children are still out of school, while many discontinue education after high school. "I suspect that some girls are married off early and boys begin working to support their families," she said.

Parents said they migrated from Bihar because farming income in their native villages was insufficient. But in Hassan, they earn between ₹500 and ₹800 a day. Anil Kumar, one of the workers, said they trusted Ms. Pramila enough to send their children to school, adding that she also bears their daily travel expenses.

Documentation hurdles

A major concern is the lack of identity documents. Some children do not possess Aadhaar cards, which are essential for admission to higher classes and appearing for SSLC examinations.

"I have approached officials to help them obtain Aadhaar cards, but the process has not moved forward," Ms. Pramila lamented.

The problem is compounded by the absence of birth certificates, making it difficult for authorities to establish the children's place of birth and issue Aadhaar cards.

"I worry that these children may eventually drop out if their documents are not arranged in time," she said.

A mollified Ramalinga Reddy decides to stay

His decision to withdraw the resignation came after a series of meetings with D.K. Shivakumar, Randeep Singh Surjewala and B.K. Hariprasad

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Congress seems to have spiked the discontent among its Cabinet Ministers at least for now. A day after senior Minister Ramalinga Reddy sent his resignation letter to Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, he was mollified by the party leaders to take it back. The other senior Minister, K.H. Muniyappa, who was unhappy with the Food and Civil Supplies Department portfolio allocated to him, has also been convinced to take charge.

The eight-time legislator, miffed over denial of the Bengaluru Development portfolio, on Saturday evening told *The Hindu* that he had withdrawn his resignation after the meeting with Central leaders and the Chief Minister. Mr. Reddy has been allocated the Water Resources Department portfolio. Party

Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar with Minister Ramalinga Reddy, who has been allocated the Water Resources Department portfolio. FILE PHOTO

Central leadership, it is learnt, did not want to change portfolios to send out a tough message against discontent.

The development came after a series of meetings involving Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Congress general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala, and KPCC president B.K. Hariprasad.

"Mr. Reddy's experience and knowledge is important. He is an asset for the party. He met me with certain doubts in his mind. He has taken back his resignation. In the future too, he will work as a Minister and the party's loyal soldier," Mr. Surjewala told presspersons.

"Mr. Reddy and Mr. Hariprasad have worked in the National Students' Union of India since 1973. Several Congress leaders were not even born then."

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Mr. Reddy said the party leadership had promised him that the concerns raised by him would be addressed at an appropriate time and made it clear that they wanted him to remain in the Cabinet.

"After the meetings, all the leaders gave me hope. The Chief Minister called me three times and met me on Friday night. Mr. Surjewala met and spoke to me. They all said they wanted me to continue as a part of the Cabinet and that there was no question of accepting my resignation," Mr. Reddy said.

"They have rejected my resignation and I will respect the party's decision. They asked me to continue in the Cabinet and I will do so," Mr. Reddy said.

Late on Friday night, Mr. Shivakumar held a nearly two-and-a-half-hour meeting with Mr. Reddy at a private hotel in Jayanagar as part of efforts to resolve the issue. The discussions continued till the early hours of Saturday.

Further rounds of talks were held on the same day with Mr. Surjewala and Mr. Hariprasad, following which the Congress leadership decided to reject Mr. Reddy's resignation, ending uncertainty over his future in the Cabinet.

Via WhatsApp

Earlier in the day, Mr. Shivakumar told the press that Mr. Reddy had sent his resignation to him via WhatsApp, and that efforts were on to convince Mr. Reddy to stay. "He is a friend. It has been resolved," he said.

Congress candidates file nominations

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi with AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge in Bengaluru on Friday.

Among those in the crorepati club who filed their nomination papers for the Rajya Sabha and Legislative Council polls from the Congress, P.V. Mohan, the Congress candidate in the Legislative Council elections, has declared assets worth ₹74.5 lakh, including moveable assets worth ₹14.5 lakh. He has declared liabilities of ₹13 lakh.

Tippanna Kamaknoor has declared assets worth ₹1.11 crore, including moveable assets worth ₹36.06 lakh, and liabilities worth ₹19.75 lakh.

Pawan Khera and Mansoor Ali Khan, Congress candidates for the Rajya Sabha elections, filed their nomination papers on Saturday. AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge filed his nomination paper on Friday. KPCC president B.K. Hariprasad and Shivanna Malavalli filed their nomination papers for the Legislative Council polls.

Mr. Khan has declared assets worth ₹49.63 crore, including moveable properties worth ₹24.4 crore, and liabilities worth ₹7.98 crore. Mr. Khera has declared assets worth ₹54.46 crore, including moveable assets worth ₹20.31 crore, and liabilities worth ₹8.88 crore.

Mr. Hariprasad has declared assets worth ₹16.12 crore, including ₹78.31 lakh moveable assets, and liabilities worth ₹90 lakh. Mr. Shivanna has declared assets worth ₹4.84 crore and his income tax liabilities are worth ₹13.81 crore.

DKS with a Modi-style playbook?

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's recent public appearances suggest an increasing reliance on political symbolism, religious outreach and carefully crafted visual messaging – features that have long been associated with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's style of mass communication.

Soon after his victory in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, Mr. Modi prostrated on the steps of the Parliament before entering the House. Mr. Shivakumar too, soon after taking oath as the Chief Minister and before entering the Vidhana Soudha, was seen prostrating at the entrance to the seat of power.

After assuming office in 2014, Mr. Modi declared that India was entering a "new era of development". Mr. Shivakumar echoed a similar sentiment after the first Cabinet meeting and said it was the beginning of a "Nava Yuga" (new era) and "Yuva Yuga" (era of youngsters).

Mr. Modi's famous "chowkidar" (watchman) narrative during the 2019 Lok Sabha campaign portrayed him (PM chair) as a guardian of the nation rather than merely a holder of public office.

In a similar vein, Mr. Shivakumar said, "The CM's chair is not mine; it belongs to the people and Congress workers. The people of the State have given me this opportunity and responsibility to safeguard the interests of the State."

While the "Modi Kurta" became a signature style that was consequently followed by many, Mr. Shivakumar's style of draping high-end designer scarves and stoles over his formal attire is likely to be emulated by many youngsters in the coming days. FILE PHOTO

Religious symbolism is another area of convergence. Like Mr. Modi, Mr. Shivakumar has always undertaken temple visits and offered special prayers. He participates in major religious events, projecting his faith as part of his public persona.

Both the leaders have also paid attention to personal branding through distinctive attire and visual presentation. While the "Modi Kurta" became a signature style that was consequently followed by many, Mr. Shivakumar's style of draping high-end designer scarves and stoles over his formal attire is likely to be emulated by many youngsters in the coming days.

The Chief Minister too began cultivating a distinct visual identity through strong social media messaging, a technique associated with Mr. Modi's political style.

Grassroots work

While the two leaders differ significantly in ideology and political context, both of them reached the top posts by doing hard work at the grassroots levels and are known for highly visible campaigns. Mr. Shivakumar's campaign "Our Water, Our Right" (Namma Neeru, Namma Hakku) during the 2023 poll campaign is a political rallying cry for the Mekedatu dam project, which is being opposed by Tamil Nadu.

While Modi's political persona is built around a national leadership narrative, governance reforms, and ideological messaging linked to the BJP, Mr. Shivakumar's image is rooted more in his reputation as an organisational strategist, trouble-shooter, and regional mass leader within the Congress.

Five GTTC students selected by Germany's Rheinbahn AG

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Five students of the state-run Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC) have been selected by Rheinbahn AG, Düsseldorf, one of the country's leading public transport operators, for placement under the German Ausbildung (dual vocational training) programme.

Commencing in September 2026, it aims to build a skilled migration corridor between Karnataka and Germany.

The Letters of Intent (LoIs) issued by Rheinbahn AG were formally handed over to the five selected candidates by Sharan Prakash Patil, Minister for Skill Development and Medical Education, at a felicitation ceremony held at Vikasa Soudha, said a release.

"The Ausbildung programme is a globally respected German model of vocational education that combines structured classroom instruction with paid, hands-on training at the workplace, leading to an internationally recognised qualification. Under this initiative, the selected GTTC candidates will undergo training with Rheinbahn AG in Düsseldorf, gaining world-class industry experience along with a formal German certification," said the release.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Notice is hereby given to Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owners **1) M/S. SHINAIYRA REALTY, Address: No. 52, Fulchand Street, Shastri Nagar, Angeripalayam Road, Tirupur-641 602. And branch office at 2nd Floor, No. 64, Dispensary Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560 001. Rep its Partner Mr. SIDARTH RAJ AND 2) M/S SHRI SANTHOSH MEENAKSHI TEXTILES, Address No. 15, Sethupuram, Sundaresa Iyer Layout, Trichy Road, COIMBATORE-641018, Rep by Executive Manager Mr. SIDARTH RAJ Residing at No. 17/A, Hennur Main Road, Munshi Layout, Kacharakanahalli, Bengaluru North, Bangalore-560084.**

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East By: Site No. 2BC-707, **West By:** Site No. 2BC-703 **North By :** Site No. 3C-704

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Place : Bengaluru

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Jayanagara Division, Office Building, 39th Cross, 18th Main Road, Jayanagara 4th 'T' Block, Bengaluru - 560041.

No: EE/BSCC/JN/TEND/03/2026-27 **Date: 06-06-2026**

CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION

Subject: **Regarding the Corrigendum in the Short Term Tender Notification.**

Reference: **Tender Notification No: EE/BSCC/JN/TEND/03/2026-27, Dated: 20-05-2026.**

With reference to the above Subject, a Short Term Tender as been invited vide the mentioned Notification No. **EE/BSCC/JN/TEND/03/2026-27, Dated: 20-05-2026,** Due to Technical Reasons the dates of this tender have been Postponed and the mentioned EMD Amount of Rs. 18,73,600/- has been amended to **Rs. 1,87,360/-.** Remaining there will be no other changes.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Proposed Date and Time
1	Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders	**08-06-2026 upto 16.05 PM.**
2	Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid	**09-06-2026 at 16.05 PM.**
3	Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid	**10-06-2026 at 16.05 PM.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer Jayanagara Division, BSCC.

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagara Division, Thimmaiah Road, Queens Road, Bengaluru - 560051.

No: EE/SJN/E-Proc/13/2026-27 **Date: 06-06-2026**

SHORT TERM QUOTATION

Executive Engineer, Shivajinagara Division, BCCC, Bengaluru invites Sealed Quotation from Registered and eligible Contractors / Firms for Rate Approval **Comprehensive Development of Sri Someshwara Temple Approach Roads, Drains and Surrounding Area in Ward No. 121 (New Ward No. 08), Ulsoor** for detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description
1	Providing and Laying flamed finish granite stone flooring in required design and patrons, in linear as curvilinear portions of the building all complete as per the architectural drawings with 100 mm thick **Ruby Red Granite Slab** with 4 sides machine cut laid over 20 mm thick base of cement mortar 1:4 (1 cement: 4 coarse sand) and jointed with cement slurry including cost of Material, Labour Charges of Machinery, Loading & Unloading, Lead & Lift, Transportation & etc., Complete as directed by the Engineer in charge of the work. **(Excluding GST) - Unit: Each**

Calendar of Events: **1)** The Sealed Cover Scribing the Quotation Number and Name of work should reach this Office **on or before 11-06-2026, 4.00 PM. 2)** Date of Opening of the Quotation is **11-06-2026 after 4.00 PM. (if possible or next working day).** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shivajinagara Division, BCCC.

INBRIEF

Jagdalpur-bound IndiGo flight lands in Rajahmundry in A.P.

A Jagdalpur-bound Indigo flight that took off from Rajiv Gandhi Airport in Hyderabad, Telangana, was diverted to Rajahmundry Airport, Andhra Pradesh, owing to adverse weather conditions at Maa Danteswari Airport in Jagadalpur, Chhattisgarh, on Friday. "...The flight was sent back to Rajiv Gandhi International Airport after refuelling by the evening," Rajahmundry Airport In-Charge Director K. Prithi said.

Telangana DCA busts illegal API sales unit in Hyderabad

Telangana Drugs Control Administration (DCA) has busted illegal sale of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) during a joint raid with the Prohibition and Excise Department in Hyderabad on Friday. As per the DCA, a firm in Kukatpally had been carrying out illegal sale of APIs. During inspection, officials seized 170 grams of Zidovudine from the firm's premises. Invoices related to trading of the APIs were also seized. Samples of the seized material have been sent for analysis. Further probe is underway.

Malayalam actor Salim Kumar on ventilator support in Kochi

National Award-winning Malayalam actor Salim Kumar has been hospitalised and remains on ventilator support. He was rushed to Amrita Hospital in Kochi after complaining of discomfort on Saturday morning. Hospital authorities declined to reveal details of his condition. Mr. Kumar has a medical history marked by recurring illnesses. He has won both the National and State awards for 'Best Actor' for his moving portrayal in film *Adaminte Makan Abu* (2010).

Four former Ministers of AIADMK join TVK in T.N.

M.C. Sampath, N.R. Sivapathi, Kadambur C. Raju, and Udumalai K. Radhakrishnan joined the party in the presence of Minister N. Anand

N. Sai Charan
CHENNAI

The exodus of prominent regional faces from the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) to the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) continued on Saturday, with four former Ministers – M.C. Sampath, N.R. Sivapathi, Kadambur C. Raju, and Udumalai K. Radhakrishnan – crossing over to the ruling party.

They joined the TVK at its headquarters in Panaiyur on the outskirts of Chennai in the presence of party general secretary and Minister for Rural Development and Water Resources N. Anand and a few other Ministers. Barring Mr. Sivapathi, the other three former Ministers had contested and lost the 2026 Assembly elections. Mr. Sivapathi won the Thottiyam Assembly segment in the 1991 election and the Musiri Assembly constituency in 2011. He also served as Education Minister. Mr. Sampath, who represented the Nellikuppam Assembly segment between 2001 and 2006 and the Cuddalore Assembly segment between 2011 and 2021, served as a Minister handling various portfolios.

The new joinees with senior leaders of the TVK at Panaiyur on the outskirts of Chennai. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Raju had won the Kovilpatti Assembly segment three times in a row since 2011. He also served as Minister for Information and Publicity between 2016 and 2021. Mr. Radhakrishnan won the Udumalaipettai Assembly segment in the 2016 and 2021 elections and also served as a Minister. Earlier, he served as Chairman of Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable Television (TACTV).

These former Ministers represent four different zones of the State. Mr. Sampath is from Cuddalore district (north), Mr. Sivapathi hails from Tiruchi district (central), Mr. Raju is from Thoothukudi district (south), and Mr. Radhakrishnan is from Tiruppur district (west).

Kerala weighs high-speed rail proposal

The Hindu Bureau
PALAKKAD

The Kerala government is considering a proposal submitted by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) for a high-speed rail corridor linking Thiruvananthapuram and Kannur.

The project, named Kerala High Speed Railway (KHSR), was prepared technocrat E. Sreedharan as an alternative to the previous Left Democratic Front government's K-Rail proposal. A four-member expert committee has been constituted to examine the technical, financial and environmental aspects of the project and submit recommendations within three weeks.

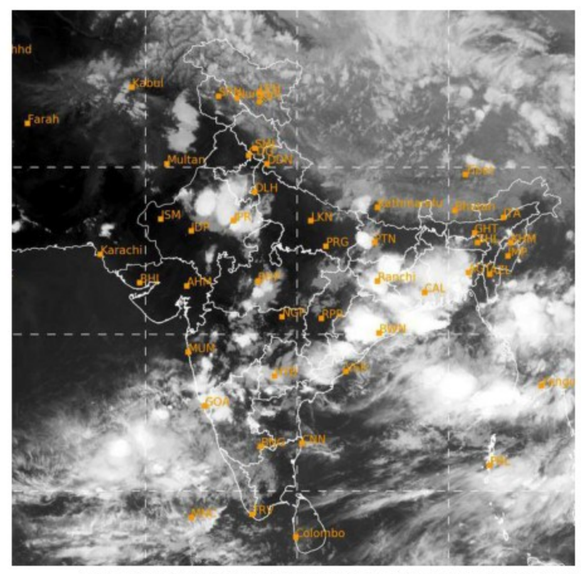
Transport Secretary K. Biju will serve as convener. J. Vinayan, C. Veeramani and Sreedhar Radhakrishnan have been appointed as experts in railways, finance and environment respectively. N.S.K. Umesh, Officer on Special Duty to Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan, will assist the committee. A government order issued on Friday said the panel would assess the project's technical feasibility, financial viability, environmental impact, implementation challenges and socio-economic benefits.

The proposed 473.2-km double-line corridor will connect Poojappura in Thiruvananthapuram with Mundayad in Kannur through 23 stations. The alignment will be elevated throughout, except for a 6.5-km underground section in Thiruvananthapuram city. Travel time between the two cities is estimated at 3 hours and 30 minutes.

The project cost is estimated at ₹60,000 crore. Of this, ₹36,000 crore is proposed to be funded through equity contributions from the Centre and the State in a 51:49 ratio, while the remaining ₹24,000 crore is to be raised through crowdfunding. The average construction cost is estimated at ₹127 crore per kilometre.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Heat wave conditions likely at isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh and Odisha

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	1	35.8	25.1	Kurnool	2	37.7	25.6
Ahmedabad	—	41.5	29.6	Lucknow	—	38.4	28.0
Aizawl	46	33.8	20.5	Madurai	—	38.0	27.5
Bengaluru	3	29.3	21.3	Mangaluru	92	28.0	23.8
Bhopal	23	38.8	22.4	Mumbai	—	35.5	29.5
Bhubaneswar	2.6	40.7	29.7	Mysuru	—	29.2	20.4
Chandigarh	—	39.0	24.0	New Delhi	—	40.0	26.4
Chennai	—	40.4	30.4	Patna	—	37.0	26.6
Coimbatore	—	29.2	23.6	Port Blair	35	29.2	24.9
Dehradun	27	35.8	20.5	Prayagraj	—	40.6	28.6
Gangtok	47	21.9	18.1	Puducherry	—	39.3	29.1
Goa	11	33.2	26.0	Pune	—	37.7	25.6
Guwahati	—	33.8	26.6	Raipur	—	41.0	30.7
Hubballi	—	29.0	24.0	Ranchi	—	34.9	24.0
Hyderabad	—	38.8	26.6	Shillong	12	24.0	15.5
Imphal	—	32.9	20.9	Shimla	—	30.0	18.8
Jaipur	—	39.2	28.0	Srinagar	4	27.9	12.9
Kochi	46	30.4	24.6	Thiruvananthapuram	7	31.8	26.1
Kohima	—	26.0	18.0	Tiruchirappalli	—	37.3	28.0
Kolkata	0.4	35.5	28.9	Vijayawada	0.3	41.0	28.0
Kozhikode	80	28.8	24.6	Visakhapatnam	—	35.2	30.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.15	.63	.7	52	114	
Bengaluru	.11	.46	.48	—	114	
Chennai	.6	.13	.29	42	75	
Delhi	.31	.59	.42	183	312	
Hyderabad	.19	.16	.38	73	84	
Kolkata	.14	.44	.24	63	88	
Lucknow	.30	.12	.22	105	112	
Mumbai	.10	.75	.25	30	66	
Pune	—	.22	104	27	65	
Visakhapatnam	.21	.43	.12	57	128	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ballabgarh, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 280 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Pampore, Jammu & Kashmir recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
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No: KBJNL/DDA/Quotation/2026-27/470 Dated:04.06.2026

SHORT TERM QUOTATION

Requested to submit the quotation rates for the works of **Operation and maintenance of (AME) 1MW Solar Photo Voltaic system and 11KV line and terminal bay of solar plant at Ch 11.00km of ARBC Main canal top for the year 2026-27.** For further information, it is requested that you visit the office of the undersigned in person to collect complete details of the work. It is also advised to inspect the site prior to submitting your quotation to better understand the scope of work. Quotations may be submitted either in sealed cover or via email.

Last date for submission of quotation: 12.06.2026
Contact e-mail Address: dam_division@rediffmail.com
Contact Mobil No: Sri K.jayanna, EE Mob No: 94480 25208
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Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Safety Unit-2, Almatti
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KARNATAKA VETERINARY, ANIMAL AND FISHERIES SCIENCES UNIVERSITY
Nandi Nagar, Bidar.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender No: KVAFSU/2026-27/IND0017 Dtd: 05.06.2026

Inviting short term tender for **refurbishing of smart class rooms including related equipment's** at Veterinary College, Bengaluru, Veterinary College, Bidar, Veterinary College, Shivamogga, Dairy Science College, Bengaluru and College of Fisheries, Mangaluru through E-portal, Government of Karnataka (e-Proc-109).

University is inviting e-bidding on KPPP portal of Govt. of Karnataka for refurbishing of smart class rooms including related equipment's at various colleges under KVAFSU, Bidar. Last date for applying is on **26.06.2026 before 16.00 Hrs.**

Tender No: KVAFSU/2026-27/IND0016 Dtd: 05.06.2026

Inviting short term tender for **procurement of Goods/Equipment** for Veterinary College, Bidar through E-portal, Government of Karnataka (e-Proc-101).

University is inviting e-bidding on KPPP portal of Govt. of Karnataka for procurement of goods and equipment's for KVAFS University, Bidar. Last date for applying is on **26.06.2026 before 16.00 Hrs.**

Total cost of both the tenders **Rs.80 Lakhs**

E-Auction documents should be submitted electronically through e-Procurement portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/). Further information please contact Tender processing cell, Regional campus, KVAFSU, Hebbal, Bengaluru 560024 **Phone: 9845313244, 9343999599** during office hours or visit kppp portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

Sd/- Co-Ordinator
DIPR/CP/1025/SA/2026-27 Tender Processing Cell, KVAFSU, Bengaluru.

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3, 4ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಕಾವೇರಿ ಭವನ, ಕೆ.ಜಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 009.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಗೃಮಂ/ಕಾ/ಹಂಚಿಕೆ-06/ಸಿಎ/ಪ.ಪ್ರ/2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05-06-2026

ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

1. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿಯು ವಿವಿಧ ಬಡಾವಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ 373 ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ (ಸಿ.ಎ) ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26-05-2026 ರಂದು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕ (1) ರಲ್ಲಿ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Sl. No. as per notification	District	Place	CA Site No.	Measurement (in Sq.Mtrs)	Board Rate (per Sq.Mtrs) (in Rs.)
77.	Kodagu	Mullusoge, Kushalnagar	1	338.25	26910
78.	Kodagu	Mullusoge, Kushalnagar	2	243.25	26910
79.	Kodagu	Mullusoge, Kushalnagar	3	1372.50	26910
80.	Kodagu	Mullusoge, Kushalnagar	4	1372.50	26910
250.	Kalaburagi	Chandapura, Chincholli	2	ಹಂಚಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ತಡೆಹಿಡಿಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.	
251.	Kalaburagi	Chincholli Sy.No. 155/5-6	1		
252.	Kalaburagi	Chincholli Sy.No. 155/5-6	2		
216.	Gadag	Gadag R.Sy.No. 292-294	1/C		
256.	Kalaburagi	Biddapura	1 (E/W)	4452.60	33638
286.	Chikmagalur	Chikmagalur 1 & 3rd Ph	7	816.00	41250
287.	Chikmagalur	Chikmagalur 100 HP	1	615.00	41250
288.	Chikmagalur	Birur Kaval	3	525.00	30000
290.	Chikmagalur	Chikmagalur 5th Phase (100 HP)	1	197.925	45000
291.	Chikmagalur	Chikmagalur 5th Phase (100 HP)	2	385.72	45000
292.	Chikmagalur	Chikmagalur 5th Phase (100 HP)	3	226.95	45000
295.	Chikmagalur	Chikmagalur 5th Phase (100 HP)	7	166.50	45000
296.	Chikmagalur	Kadur	2	3562.65	15875
298.	Chikmagalur	Kadur	4	1784.40	15875
299.	Chikmagalur	Kadur	5	1801.50	15875

2. ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ನಿವೇಶನವನ್ನು ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಸೇರ್ಪಡೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಆಸಕ್ತರು ಈ ನಿವೇಶನದ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

Sl. No	District	Place	CA Site No.	Measurement (in Sq.Mtrs)	Board Rate (per Sq.Mtrs) (in Rs.)
1.	Bengaluru	Suryanagar 3rd Phase	2/B4	20460.00	47093

3. **ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ:** ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಅಳತೆಯ ಮತ್ತು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.khb.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಉಳಿದಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26-05-2026 ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಷರತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05-06-2026

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ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ
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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಇವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾಯಿದೆ 1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧವಾಗಿ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ, ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆಗಳಂತೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಹಾಗೂ Standard Tender Documents KW-4 Clause 3 (with latest amendments) ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಹರಿರುವ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1 : ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು : ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ 2025-26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನಬಾರ್ಡ್ ಆರ್‌ಐಡಿಎಫ್-31 ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಸಂತೆಮರಳ್ಳಿ ಉಪ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿನ ತೆಂಗಿನಕಾಯಿ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಗೆ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಒದಗಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್) **ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 418,22,896=18 ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊಬಲಗು ರೂ. ಶೇಖಡ 1.50 ರಂತೆ ಅಥವಾ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ (ಇ ಪೇಮೆಂಟ್) 6,28,000=00 ಕೆಲಸ ಪೂರೈಸಲು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಅವಧಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ)** 6 ತಿಂಗಳು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ – ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲು-4 ಕ್ಲಾಸ್-3 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಹರಿರುವ ಮತ್ತು ಲೋ.ಇ.ಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು, **ಇ ಪ್ರೋಸಿಂಗ್ ಫೀ (ಇ ಪೇಮೆಂಟ್)** – ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಂತೆ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ :

1. ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 15-06-2026, ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11-00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ
2. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 17-06-2026 ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
3. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 19-06-2026 ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11-00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
4. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25-06-2026 ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11-00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ನಂತರ

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home** under login for Contractors

ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ : ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ,
ಪತ್ರ ವ್ಯವಹಾರದ ವಿಳಾಸ : ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ

ಸಹಿ/- (ಬಿ. ಜಗದೀಶ್)
ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಕೃಉಮಾಸ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ

ಸಂ: ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ:ಚಾಸನಗರ:154:2026-27

ಸಹಿ/- (ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಎಂ.ಬಿ.)
ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಕೃಉಮಾಸ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur, Belagavi – 591302
The tender Notification No: KNNL/KPD/KNP/PB/TND/2026-27/ Date: 06.06.2026

SHORT TERM: PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through Kpp-portal only)

Short term Percentage tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur, Belagavi on behalf of Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Bengaluru for below works from eligible KPWD registered Contractors Class-I & above **through KPP-Portal**.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Exclusive of GST) (Rs. In Lakhs)
1	Construction of a Bridge Cum Barrage across the Malaprabha River at Chikkahattiholi village, Khanapur taluk, Belagavi District along with allied works including Sopanam, Left Bank Protection and Connecting Roads from Chikkahattiholi and Karvinkoppa villages together with Operation and Maintenance for a period of 5 years. (KNNL/2025-26/BB/WORK_INDENT3888/Call-2)	4139.45

1. Details and Tender documents may be downloaded through website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in/index.seam and filled bids may be submitted through kpp-portal **till 19.06.2026 at 4.00 PM** for the above works. 2. The Pre-bid Meeting will be held in the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division Khanapur **on 12.06.2026 at 11.00AM**. Technical bid will be opened on **20.06.2026 at 4.30 PM.** 3. For further details such as, EMD amount, time limit, cost of tender form, eligibility for work, terms and conditions of tender visit our website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 4. Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender reserves the right of cancelling / rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever. 5.Further information can be obtained from the under signed during the office hours on telephone 08336-222163 and KPP helpline (080)-25501216.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-383/KSMCA/2026-27 **KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur, Belagavi**

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From Page One

Telangana CM calls for federal balance

"We are not competing with Maharashtra or Andhra Pradesh. We are competing with China, Japan, South Korea, and Germany," he said, adding that his approach follows a 'China+1' strategy to attract global investments.

Mr. Reddy said he actively studies international best practices and is open to learning from multiple sources, including officials on the ground. He plans to visit China and learn best practices that could be implemented in Telangana as it shapes itself into a "China+1" destination. Mr. Reddy said.

He also referred to his participation in a short course at Harvard University, saying exposure to global systems helps refine policy thinking.

Public servant, not a ruler

Positioning himself as a public servant rather than a ruler, the Chief Minister said governance must remain people-centric. "Whoever gets power thinks they are rulers. I believe I am an elected public servant," he said, identifying youth, farmers, and women as the key pillars of society.

Explaining his administrative approach, the Chief Minister said decision-making in his government is "mixed", combining bureaucratic inputs, field-level insights, media feedback, and public opinion. "Ultimately, I take the call after listening to everyone and their suggestions," he said.

Mr. Reddy also said he values information from media reports, public interactions, and ground-level workers, describing media as a "back-office information system" for governance review.

Reflecting on his political journey, the Chief Minister said his entry into public life was driven by grassroots engagement rather than legacy support. He recalled resigning from his earlier political position following Telangana's bifurcation and rebuilding his career independently. "I have fought for the common man. I don't have any brand or inherited support," he said.

His political philosophy, he said, is governance focused on youth, farmers, and women as core stakeholders. He traced unemployment concerns in Telangana to historical and structural issues and said his government is committed to addressing job creation through both public and private sector expansion.

Highlighting major recruitment and welfare initiatives, he said Telangana has filled over 67,000 government posts in 15 months, describing it as one of the largest recruitment drives in the country. On agriculture, he cited large-scale loan waivers and procurement reforms, claiming that over 25,000 farmer families benefited from ₹20,616 crore worth of loan waivers. He also pointed to procurement support, input subsidies, and farmer incentive schemes introduced by the government.

The Chief Minister also said that women's empowerment remains a central pillar of governance in Telangana.

Kukis take out 'coffin rally', CRPF chief reviews security

Mourners demand justice for victims of the attack at Loibol Khullen village in Kangpokpi district of Manipur on June 5; while Kukis blame the attack on the NSCN, the latter has denied the accusation

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Kuki-Zo organisations in Manipur organised a 'coffin rally' on Saturday, ahead of the burial of three community members, including a woman, killed in an early morning attack on Friday.

The mourners demanded justice for the victims and action against those responsible for the attack at Loibol Khullen village in Kangpokpi district. The rally was carried out from Kangpokpi town to Martyrs' Cemetery at Phaijang, about 15 km away.

The Kuki Inpi Manipur, the apex body of the Kukis in Manipur, has blamed the attack on the National Socialist Council of Nagalim, also known as the NSCN (Isak-Muivah), and its "proxy" Zeliangrong United Front (Kamson). The NSCN (I-M) has dismissed the accusation.

The Kuki-Zo Council said that Friday's killings reaffirmed the legitimacy of the demand for a separate administration for the Kuki-Zo communities, whose conflict with the Nagas followed that with the non-tribal Meiteis.

CRPF Director-General Gyanendra Pratap Singh with Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla. FILE PHOTO

The CRPF chief met the Governor and the Chief Minister and discussed operational preparedness

The latest round of violence in Manipur occurred during the visit of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Director-General Gyanendra Pratap Singh to the State. He reviewed the security situation in the violence-hit State.

Mr. Gyanendra Pratap Singh also met Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla and Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh. According to the CRPF, the Director-General's discussions focused on enhancing operational preparedness, strategic planning, and the force's comprehensive road map to eliminate insurgency and restore lasting peace in Manipur.

The Chief Minister appreciated the invaluable contribution of the CRPF in maintaining peace and law and order in the north-eastern State.

"The Government of Manipur remains committed to strengthening security, upholding public trust, and fostering harmony among all communities," Mr. Yumnam Khemchand Singh said.

On Saturday, the CRPF chief met the force's CoBRA personnel deployed in Manipur and commended their stellar role in various operational theatres. He emphasised caring for the sentiments of the local population wherever they operated.

"He motivated the personnel to work with zeal and vigour to wipe out insurgency from Manipur," the CRPF said in a statement.

HC raps U.P. police, says officers serve 'political bosses'

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Court slams illegal use of Gangsters Act to keep a homemaker in jail for 80 days

Questioning the functioning of the Uttar Pradesh police, the Allahabad High Court recently observed that the loyalties of the State's police officers often appear to be aligned with the ruling dispensation rather than the Constitution.

The remarks came from the Bench of Justice Vinod Diwakar, which was hearing a case pertaining to the Gangsters Act against Ghaziabad resident Rajendra Tyagi and his family on Wednesday. While quashing the case, the court found that the allegations arose from land and financial disputes and did not meet the legal requirements for invoking the stringent law.

The court expressed serious concern about the arrest of Lalita Tyagi, a homemaker, who spent nearly 80 days in jail. It termed her arrest "patently illegal, arbitrary and wholly unwarranted".

Reprimanding the police, the court noted that a deeply entrenched culture has taken root in which the rule of law is treated less as a Constitutional mandate and more as an administrative obstacle.

"The vertical loyalty of officers runs not toward the Constitution but toward the ruling dispensation. Field officers, acutely conscious of the transfer-posting economy, calibrate their conduct to satisfy political superiors. Encounter killings, selective crackdowns, and targeted use of the Gangsters Act against inconvenient individuals have periodically attracted judicial notice," the court said.

It further recorded a *prima facie* finding that former Ghaziabad Police Commissioner Ajay Kumar Mishra appeared to have misused his authority while approving the Gangsters Act proceedings.

'India, Nepal can shift trajectory of bilateral ties to achieve full potential'

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India and Nepal have an opportunity to "decisively shift" the track of their bilateral ties to achieve its full potential, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Saturday, after official talks with his visiting Nepal counterpart Shisir Khanal.

Citing this week's visit by Rabi Lamichhane, the chairperson of Nepal's ruling Rastriya Swatantra Party, Mr. Jaishankar said there are "strong complementarities" between the government of Prime Minister Balendra Shah in Kathmandu and the government of India.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with his Nepal counterpart Shisir Khanal in New Delhi on Saturday. ANI

Saying that Mr. Shah wants to pursue "result-driven diplomacy", Mr. Khanal described India as Nepal's "most important partner".

The conversation between the two Foreign Ministers came on the second day of Mr. Khanal's visit, the first such visit by any member of the RSP government that came to power in March 2026.

"We believe that today we have an opportunity to decisively shift the trajectory of India-Nepal relations and to realise the full potential of our ties," Mr. Jaishankar said.

Sikh outfits mark Operation Bluestar day with slogans

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

Pro-Khalistan slogans were raised inside the Golden Temple complex in Amritsar on Saturday during the 42nd anniversary of Operation Bluestar, even as the city wore a largely deserted look, with most commercial establishments and educational institutions remaining closed in response to an 'Amritsar shutdown' call issued by Sikh hardline groups to observe the occasion.

Activists of radical Sikh outfit Dal Khalsa, along with hardliners owing allegiance to Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) chief Simranjit Singh Mann, raised slogans in support of forming Khalistan during a congregation of Sikh devotees.

Several young men were seen dressed in outfits bearing photographs of slain separatist leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and distributing his posters, as they hailed him and pledged to press on with their campaign for a separate Sikh homeland.

Addressing the commemoration congregation, Kuldip Singh Gargajj, officiating Jathedar of the Akal Takht, said Sikhs have established a unique identity around the world through service to humanity and adherence to the principle of welfare for all. However, he expressed concern that the Sikh identity and religious symbols were increasingly being targeted globally.

Raju Kumar Singh

BJP MLA convicted in 2018 Delhi celebratory firing case

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Saturday convicted Raju Kumar Singh, BJP MLA from Bihar's Sahebganj Assembly segment, in a case of the death of a woman during celebratory firing on New Year's eve in 2018 in Delhi.

Special Judge Vishal Gogne of the Rouse Avenue Courts held Mr. Singh guilty for culpable homicide not amounting to murder and for violating arms licence conditions. Mr. Singh's wife, Renu Singh, and two others were acquitted of charges related to destruction of evidence, citing the absence of material proof.

Rajiv Mohan, counsel for the MLA, told *The Hindu* that the court directed that Singh be taken into custody and scheduled arguments on sentencing for June 9.

The matter pertains to an FIR lodged in connection with an incident at Mr. Singh's farmhouse in Fatehpur Beri, where he allegedly fired shots into the air during a New Year celebration. One of the bullets allegedly struck Archana Gupta, 45, who later died while undergoing treatment.

The police recovered a rifle and live cartridges from the farmhouse and added a murder charge to the FIR. The court, in October 2023, framed charges of culpable homicide against the MLA, observing that there was no evidence of intent to cause death, though Mr. Singh was aware that firing in a crowded gathering could endanger lives.

3 Lebanese troops killed in Israeli strike amid peace efforts

Reuters
Associated Press
BEIRUT

Two Lebanese officers and one soldier were killed on Saturday in an Israeli strike on a military vehicle on the Khardali-Nabatieh road in south Lebanon, the Lebanese Army said.

Later, the Israeli military said it targeted the vehicle after identifying what it described as a threat to its forces and receiving indications that the Hezbollah militant group was preparing to fire on Israeli troops from the area.

It said an initial inquiry showed that two Lebanese Army officers and a soldier were inside the vehicle and that the incident was under review.

Lebanon's President Joseph Aoun called the strike "a flagrant violation to Lebanese sovereignty and international law". He said it came in the context of "ongoing escalation that threatens stability and security in the south (of Lebanon), despite the efforts Lebanon is exerting in the Washington negotiations to put an end to the ongoing Israeli attacks without deterrent."

The latest declared ceasefire came about through U.S.-brokered talks between Israel and Lebanon's government, which accuses Hezbollah of dragging the country into war and had made efforts to disarm it before the latest hostilities. The Lebanese militant group has refused the truce. Iran-aligned Hezbollah condemned Saturday's strike, calling it a deliberate attack and part of Israel's continued aggression against Lebanon. The group said the attack was the result of what it called the Lebanese authorities' disregard for the country's sovereignty and a series of concessions, including what it described as acquiescence to Israeli demands in Washington, which it said had emboldened Israel.

People inspect damage following Israeli strikes in the Saksakiyeh in southern Lebanon on Saturday. AFP

The ongoing war began on March 2 when Hezbollah fired rockets at northern Israel, two days after Israel and the U.S. began their attacks on Iran. Israel has since launched a ground invasion of Lebanon and carried out wide attacks that have displaced more than 1 million people. Israeli attacks have since killed and wounded dozens of Lebanese soldiers.

Bengal police find large cache of arms in Sandeshkhali

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The Special Task Force of the West Bengal Police on Saturday recovered a huge cache of firearms and cartridges allegedly from a pond belonging to a Trinamool Congress functionary and his brother at Sandeshkhali in North 24 Parganas district.

Observing that for years under the previous Trinamool regime, such illegal weapons were stockpiled and used ruthlessly to terrorise the public, West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari praised the West Bengal Police for the major breakthrough. "On precise intelligence inputs, the Special Task Force (STF) conducted extensive raids across multiple locations near Sarberia Bazaar in Kumrakhali, Basanti, and Sandeshkhali areas. Forces have successfully seized a massive cache of illegal firearms and ammunition hidden away to disrupt peace," Mr. Adhikari said. The pond belonged to Robin Das and Gopal Das.

Sandeshkhali made headlines in the early months of 2024, when local people, particularly women, came out in protest against Trinamool leader Sheikh Shahjahan. He was arrested for being responsible for an attack on officials of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and has been behind bars since. "Those dark days are over. Our government remains unconditionally committed to restoring law and order. We will continue to track down, unearth, and recover every single piece of illegal firearm across the length and breadth of West Bengal," the Chief Minister said.

One of the survivors of Sandeshkhali violence, Rekha Patra, now a BJP MLA from Hingalganj, said there was an atmosphere of fear during the Trinamool regime and now normalcy was being restored.

Relief material recoveries put several Trinamool leaders under scanner

Shrabana Chatterjee
KOLKATA

As the crackdown on Trinamool Congress leaders continues in West Bengal, many of them have found themselves on the wrong side of the law over allegations of hoarding and diverting government relief materials meant for disaster-hit residents. While some of them have been arrested, others faced protests by locals.

In police net: A local Trinamool Congress leader, Ramesh Patra, being arrested in Hooghly on Saturday. ANI

Among the latest incidents, a large quantity of blankets, tarpaulins, clothes, rice, and wheat was allegedly recovered from locked Eastern Coalfields Limited quarters linked to Trinamool leader Udeep Singh in the Jamuria coal mine area of Paschim Bardhaman district on Thursday.

On the same day, recoveries of relief materials were reportedly made from the residence of former Trinamool Minister Giasuddin Molla in Usti, South 24 Parganas district. Soon after the recoveries, locals started protesting outside the house and shouted "thief, thief".

Former party MLA Narendranath Chakraborty from the Pandabeswar Assembly constituency in Paschim Bardhaman also came under fire after tarpaulin, clothes, and food items were allegedly found in a godown right beside his residence during a search operation by police. The recoveries, also on Thursday, led to protests by locals.

Similar recoveries of relief materials have also been reported from Katwa, Dum Dum, Bhatpara, Bidhannagar, Khejurr, Diamond Harbour, and several other places across the State. Among those arrested are Baduria Municipality chairman Dipankar Bhattacharya, Patharpratima Trinamool Congress regional president Gautam Aari, and former Purbasthali North MLA Tapan Chatterjee.

‘There was no way to raise our grievances within Trinamool’

Rebel Trinamool leader Ritabrata Banerjee says the grassroots party created by Mamata Banerjee has been hijacked by Abhishek Banerjee and corporate brokers; he rejects allegations that the BJP engineered the split, and reiterates that his faction will remain anti-BJP; he also hints at a possible rebellion among Trinamool MPs, saying ‘courage is contagious, it will travel from Kolkata to Delhi too’

INTERVIEW

Ritabrata Banerjee

Sobhana K. Nair

Expelled Trinamool Congress leader and newly appointed Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly, Ritabrata Banerjee, spoke to *The Hindu*, explaining the reasons and timing of his revolt, his relationship with the ruling BJP, and hinting at a split in the parliamentary party in Delhi too.

Why did you and others aligned with you decide to strike out, and why now?

This was the perfect time. Before the elections, I could have been killed. Had the Trinamool Congress won the election, I would have had to remain silent. The selection of the time was not dependent on me. There was no way we could have raised our grievances within the party. The party’s structure had collapsed. Non-political people had been at the helm of affairs. The grassroots party created by Mamata Banerjee has been hijacked by Abhishek Banerjee and his corporate brokers from IPAC.

Despite a good performance, I was denied a ticket for the Lok Sabha elections. Instead, in these Assembly polls, I was sent to the Uluberia Assembly constituency, which I was unfamiliar with. For the first three days, I was not allowed to enter Uluberia because the local municipal chairman, who was also a contender for the ticket, was miffed.

During my campaign there, I came to understand the spread of corruption on the ground.

You joined the Trinamool in 2020 and have been working with it since 2018. How is it that you saw the corruption only now?

I was not part of the Trinamool’s organisational structure... I was working in the trade union. It was only when I went for the Uluberia campaign that I understood the depth of the rot.

PTI

There are allegations that this split was engineered by the BJP and that the faction you represent is a BJP-sponsored Opposition. Where do you stand in relation to the BJP?

On May 6, after the results, all MLAs were called for a meeting, and everybody was asked to give a standing ovation to Abhishek Banerjee for his ‘exemplary’ performance in the Assembly polls.

I also reluctantly stood up. Many others too were hesitant to applaud. Just as fear is contagious, so is courage.

Bagnan MLA Arunava Sen refused to stand up. This one gesture galvanised others, too.

After Jahangir Khan withdrew from the Falta Assembly re-poll at the last minute, I asked why he was not immediately expelled and why the national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee is not taking responsibility. Instead of responding, I was told to check the party’s social media post. On May 19, when I went to sign the party’s letter nominating the Leader of Opposition, I saw the names of many MLAs written in block letters. They had never signed, so someone had just listed their names. They were sending a forged document.

Why didn’t you flag this forgery within the party?

For the last 15 months that I have been in the Rajya Sabha, I have managed to meet Abhishek Banerjee only thrice in Delhi, and that too in passing. My request for a one-on-one meeting with him was ignored.

It was only when I raised the Jahangir Khan incident that I was called, only to be told to give all my grievances in writing.

So it was clear that even if we were to question the letter, nothing would happen.

And how do you react to the charge that you are a BJP-sponsored Opposition?

During the post-poll violence, two of the 61 MLAs who are with us were attacked by the BJP. Sandip Saha’s residence was attacked. If we were helped by the BJP, why are our MLAs being attacked? Our collective has made it clear that in a Presidential or Vice-Presidential election, we will vote and not abstain to bring the numbers down. We are anti-BJP.

Are Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs also standing with you in this rebellion?

Courage, as I said, is contagious.

I am confident that courage has travelled from Kolkata to Delhi, covering a distance of 1,435 km. So let’s wait and watch.

CJP founder applied for permission at Delhi airport

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police decided to allow the protest called by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP), an online youth group, to pacify the youth’s anxiety over the recent NEET-UG paper leak and glitches in examinations organised by the Central government and its bodies, government sources said.

On arrival from the United States on Saturday morning, Abhijeet Dipke, founder of the CJP, was taken to a room at the Delhi airport, where the police asked him to apply for permission to protest at Jantar Mantar and sign an undertaking, sources said.

Within minutes, officers granted the permission letter at the airport after obtaining his signature, even though the CJP’s legal team had prepared a separate set of documents and was ready to submit an application at the Parliament Street police station, where Mr. Dipke was to accompany them. As of late Friday, June 5, the CJP had not applied for any such permission.

At 9.02 a.m. on Saturday, Saurav Das, spokesperson of the CJP, posted on X: “Permission for the Cockroach Protest #CJPProtest Secured from Authorities. Everyone, Proceed straight to Jantar Mantar. Do NOT go to Parliament Street. Please come directly to Jantar Mantar.”

Students join CJP’s debut protest, await next move

A diverse crowd of youth gather for the CJP’s first protest in Delhi; several student organisations have extended support to the cause while withholding endorsement of the movement itself

Ashna Butani
NEW DELHI

Voice of dissent: Abhijeet Dipke, founder of the online movement, leads protests in Delhi on Saturday, demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Students from a range of Delhi colleges, including those from Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Jamia Millia Islamia, showed up for the first protest held by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), which calls itself an “Indian satirical political movement”.

Many students said they were there to support the demand of the protesters – the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan amid multiple examination controversies and irregularities – but are yet to decide how involved they want to be in the movement itself.

Making wrongs right

Jantar Mantar in central Delhi was brimming with students and other youth, bearing posters and placards. “Cockroaches do not ruin lives, BJP does,” read one slogan. “Dharmendra Pradhan must resign,” said another. Another poster listed the Ministers whose children are studying in foreign universities, saying, “Our future is leaked, their future is secure.”

A Delhi University (DU) student carrying roses said that the flowers were “for the movement” and that she was there to protest against paper leaks and irregularities in examinations. Krishna Agarwal, who is studying in DU’s Shri Ram College of Commerce, said this was his first protest and he was there to see what students can do to make wrongs right, referring to “paper leaks and issues with the education system”.

Many students at the protest were associated with student organisations, but said they were present in their “individual capacity”. Among the student outfits that showed up in large numbers was the All India Students’ Association (AISA). The organisation’s leaders, however, clarified that their support for the cause does not necessarily translate to endorsement of the CJP, adding that they would wait for the movement to develop before planning their future course of action.

The current JNU student union president, Aditi Mishra, who is also associated with AISA, showed up in solidarity. She was one of the five JNU students rusticated and declared out of bounds from campus for two semesters due to alleged vandalism. “There is a diverse crowd today: so many students are here, including school students, and people who have shown up with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s photos. We are hoping that the momentum continues and we can bring down the fortress of the ruling party,” she said.

Some student leaders said they were present as “spectators” and were apprehensive of the “movement’s links to and endorsement from the Aam Aadmi Party”. Soon after the protest ended, AAP supremo and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal expressed his solidarity with a post on X. “The cockroach movement is an expression of huge anger and frustration experienced by the youth of this country. Rather than terming them anti-national, the Modi govt. should address their issues. AAP supports their demands. The Prime Minister must sack the education minister immediately,” he said.

Hundreds gather at CJP protest seeking Pradhan’s resignation

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The first in-person protest of the online movement Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, attracted a crowd of over 1,500 people at Jantar Mantar here on Saturday.

Ladakh activist Sonam Wangchuk joined the demonstration led by CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke, where protesters raised slogans against the Union government and sought accountability, amid the cancellation of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) and the issues with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Class 12 board examinations.

Hundreds gathered in the first hour of the protest and many were seen wearing cockroach masks, which were being distributed at the venue. The crowd comprised a large number of youngsters.

CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke and Ladakh activist Sonam Wangchuk with supporters during the protest at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Saturday. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Six detained

While no untoward incidents were reported, some counter-protesters raised slogans near the protest site and the Delhi Police detained six people to prevent a possible confrontation. The detentions were made as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order after receiving inputs about the possibility of tensions between supporters and opposers of the movement, police said.

Earlier, Mr. Dipke, who landed in New Delhi after a day-long journey from Boston in the U.S., told pressmen gathered at the airport that “the Education Minister has to resign”. “Five students have committed suicide,” he added. At the Jantar Mantar, he led chants seeking Mr. Pradhan’s resignation.

“We are not here to protest but to appeal that government should be accountable,” Mr. Wangchuk, who spent nearly six months incarcerated under the National Security Act until March this year, said after joining the protest.

Heavy security arrangements were made at the spot, with police and paramilitary personnel deployed in large numbers.

Earlier, Mr. Dipke had announced that he would no longer need to personally seek police permissions for the demonstration, as representatives had already received police approval.

The CJP movement, built on AI visuals and a viral campaign by Mr. Dipke on Instagram and X, has garnered over 2 crore followers, mere days after being launched. The movement’s spokespersons have insisted that they have no links to established political parties, even as parallels emerged between the CJP and the India Against Corruption movement online, with many right-wing influencers alleging political links and nefarious objectives on X.

Protesters emptied out the venue within an hour of the allowed time limit of 5 p.m., and Mr. Dipke insisted in a statement on X that the day’s demonstrations were merely a “trailer”, and that they would return next Saturday.

(With inputs from Vijaita Singh)

Amid global uncertainties, PM reviews measures to boost economic growth

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) on Saturday, during which members discussed measures to sustain and accelerate India’s economic growth amid an uncertain global environment.

The council is said to have assessed the potential impact of the ongoing conflict in West Asia on India and global economies. “Chaired a meeting of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. Deliberated on a wide range of issues relating to India’s economic transformation and long-term development priorities,” he said in a post on X. “Also shared perspectives on adding more momentum to the reforms journey and ensuring ‘Ease of Living’ as well as ‘Ease of Doing Business’,” Mr. Modi added.

PM Narendra Modi chairs a meeting with members of the Economic Advisory Council to the PM, in New Delhi, on Saturday. PTI

The discussions focused on ideas and policy measures to strengthen economic momentum at a time of global turbulence, sources said. The meeting was attended by the Prime Minister’s Principal Secretaries, P.K. Mishra, and Shaktikanta Das, along with members of the advisory body.

The EAC-PM, an independent body constituted to advise the Prime Minister on economic and related issues, is chaired by S. Mahendra Dev. Its full-time members include Sanjay Kumar Mishra, Sanjeev Sanyal, and Shamika Ravi. It includes 11 part-time members drawn from academia, finance, and public policy. They include Rakesh Mohan and Sajjid. Z. Chinoy, Neelkanth Mishra, Nilesh Shah, T.T. Ram Mohan, Soumya Kanti Ghosh, K.V. Raju, Chetan Ghate, Pami Dua, Pulak Ghosh, and Gourav Vallabh.

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Five killed, two injured as car rams truck in Gujarat's Morbi

Five people were killed and two sustained serious injuries after the car they were travelling in rammed a dumper truck on the Morbi-Halvad highway in Morbi district of Gujarat on Friday night, the police said. The accident took place near Charadwa village around 9.30 p.m. when the truck was crossing the highway, a police officer said. Seven people were travelling in the car. Three were killed on the spot, while two died during treatment in a hospital in Rajkot later in the night. The two injured admitted to the hospital are in serious condition. The police said a heavy excavator machine was used to bring the victims out of the mangled vehicle.

Heat, not disease, caused death of 8 lion cubs in Gir

The deaths of eight Asiatic lion cubs in Gir forest of Gujarat were caused by heat-related stress and weakened immunity rather than any infectious disease outbreak, State Forest Minister Arjun Modhwadia said on Saturday. The clarification comes days after forest authorities launched an intensive monitoring and disease-control exercise following suspicions that the cubs may have died of Babesia, a tick-borne parasitic infection known to affect wild animals. Mr. Modhwadia said investigations had ruled out Babesia infection and other viral diseases as the cause of the deaths.

SC, minority wings of Cong. plan joint stir against atrocities

The Scheduled Castes (SC) and minority departments of the Congress on Saturday announced a joint nationwide campaign against alleged atrocities on Dalits, minorities, and other marginalised communities. The campaign will culminate in a major protest at Jantar Mantar on July 20, coinciding with the Monsoon Session of Parliament. MPs, MLAs, and community representatives from across the country would participate in the rally, Rajendra Pal Gautam, head of the SC department, and Rajya Sabha member Imran Pratapgarhi, who heads the minority department, said at a press meet after a joint convention of the two departments.

India criticises Pakistan for peddling false narrative

India has slammed Pakistan for its "unwarranted reference" to Jammu and Kashmir at the UN, telling the neighbouring country that it was a huge responsibility and not a forum for peddling "biased and false narratives". "The unwarranted reference by Pakistan to a matter strictly internal to India, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, has compelled me to respond," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish said on Friday. Pakistan currently sits in the Security Council as a non-permanent member and its tenure will end this year. Mr. Harish made it clear that Jammu and Kashmir was, is, and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India. PTI

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Indian mission in U.K. slams disruption at CJI's lecture

The statement followed videos showing a heated exchange over a question from the audience about 'growing hostility to dissent within India', which was cut short by the event moderator

Press Trust of India
LONDON

The High Commission of India in London on Friday issued a statement condemning the disruption caused at an event addressed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant during his ongoing visit to the U.K.

Chief Justice Kant was addressing a lecture on "Artificial intelligence and international law" at Birkbeck, University of London, on Thursday, which was followed by an audience interaction.

The event explored the growing relationship between artificial intelligence, legal systems and international governance, examining both the opportunities and challenges AI presents for the future of justice and global regulation.

"A lively discussion followed his address. Thereafter, a certain individual tried to disrupt the event," reads the Indian High Commission statement, released on social media.

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant delivers a lecture at the Birkbeck College, University of London, in London. PTI

"Such indecorous audience behaviour is unacceptable and inconsistent with respectful engagement that should govern public discourse. Differences of opinion are a natural part of a democratic society. However, they must be expressed in a manner that is civil and respectful," it adds.

The statement followed videos circulating online that reflect a heated exchange over an attempted audience question about "growing hostility to dissent within India", which was cut short by the event moderator as being off the topic of "Artificial intelligence and international law".

Role of law

"Technology itself is neither inherently benevolent nor inherently harmful. Its impact depends upon the legal, political, and ethical frameworks within which societies choose to deploy it," Chief Justice Kant said during his address.

"The responsibility of law, therefore, is neither to resist technological progress nor to surrender unquestioningly before it. Its responsibility is to ensure that technological power remains accountable to constitutional values, democratic legitimacy, and human dignity," he said.

Chief Justice Kant is expected to touch upon the role of technology in the legal arena at further events during his six-day tour of the U.K.

On Friday, he delivered the inaugural address at the Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA)'s international conference on the topic of "Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) as a Catalyst for Strengthening India-U.K. Economic Partnership". "What is needed now is not comparison, but co-creation," he said.

Domestic LPG price hiked by ₹29 a 14.2-kg cylinder

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Domestic cooking gas price has been raised by ₹29 per LPG cylinder, marking the second increase in three months as state-owned fuel retailers continue to grapple with elevated global energy costs.

The price of a 14.2-kg LPG cylinder in Delhi will rise to ₹942 from ₹913 with effect from June 7, according to industry sources.

The increase follows a ₹60 hike per cylinder on March 7 after the conflict in West Asia disrupted global energy supplies and drove up international fuel prices. Industry sources said that the increase had only partly offset losses incurred on domestic LPG sales.

Oil marketing companies were estimated to be losing about ₹703 on every LPG cylinder sold before the latest revision, the sources said.

The LPG price hike comes amid a broader increase in the price of petrol, diesel and compressed natural gas.

Centre to upgrade Bengal rail infrastructure

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday met West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari at the State Secretariat and promised an investment of ₹1 lakh crore to upgrade Railway infrastructure in the State.

The visit of the Railway Minister comes almost a month after the change of regime in West Bengal. He thanked the first BJP Chief Minister for "saving West Bengal".

Expressing hope that Railway officials will get an opportunity to work for the State, Mr. Vaishnav said that the Trinamool Congress government did not cooperate for implementation of Railway projects and also tried to stall projects by approaching the courts.

Addressing a joint press conference with Mr. Vaishnaw, the Chief Minister said the Centre-State relations had hit a nadir during the previous Trinamool regime and it had seemed that the State was at "war" with the Centre.

Kaziranga National Park records 30 raptor and six stork species in a rapid bird survey

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The Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve in Assam has 30 species of raptors and six species of storks, a rapid survey focused on these two categories of birds has revealed.

The survey, conducted by a 10-member team between the last week of February and March 2, was released on Friday (June 5) to mark World Environment Day. The Kaziranga Tiger Reserve authority surveyed in collaboration with researchers of Gauhati University.

The enumerators recorded 217 individual raptors – buzzards, eagles, falcons, owls, and vultures – across 30 species and 266 individual storks across six species.

A black-necked stork spotted at Kaziranga National Park in Assam. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Critical habitats

India is home to 112 species of raptors, both diurnal and nocturnal. Kaziranga and the adjoining landscape harbour about 50 species of these raptors. Assam's rich, diverse wetlands and the Himalayan foothills provide critical habitats for these birds of prey.

India houses eight of the 20 stork species found in tropical and subtropical regions worldwide. All eight of these are found in Assam, although Kaziranga has recorded six.

The raptor-stork study was conducted across Kaziranga's three administrative zones – the East Assam Wildlife Division, the Biswanath Wildlife Division, and the Nagaon Wildlife Division.

The Eastern Assam Wildlife Division recorded 21 species of raptors and five species of storks. While Biswanath recorded 20 species of raptors and six species of storks, Nagaon recorded 14 and five, respectively.

Among the stork species, the Asian openbill (*Anastomus oscitans*) was the most abundant, with 92 individuals spotted. The greater adjutant stork (*Leptoptilos dubius*) was the rarest, with three individuals recorded. Among the raptors, the Himalayan griffon vulture (*Gyps himalayensis*) was the most common with 69 individual sightings, while the booted eagle and white-tailed eagle were the rarest species with one individual sighting each.

"Kaziranga's landscape also serves as a last stronghold for the enigmatic Pallas's fish eagle (*Haliaeetus leucoryphus*). A survey conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India in January 2020 reported 10 active nests of Pallas's fish eagle in Kaziranga, making it the protected area with the highest number of [this bird's] breeding sites in the world," an official statement read.

Priest stabbed to death in Kota; leaders seek action

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A 35-year-old *Mahant* (chief priest) of the Chandresal Math in Rajasthan's Kota was stabbed to death by unidentified assailants on Friday night, in what the police suspect may be linked to an ongoing dispute over the monastery's trust and succession.

The police said the deceased, Devanand Maharaj, was allegedly stabbed 26 times with sharp weapons after assailants barged into the Math around midnight. Religious leaders and Devanand's family members refused to take the body for cremation until the culprits were arrested.

SC balances child's right to know paternity, father's right to privacy

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The Supreme Court, in a ruling last week, upheld the use of DNA test in a long-running paternity dispute, addressing the complex question of whether an individual's right to privacy overrides the need to determine parentage.

Earlier, the top court had consistently held in various judgments that DNA tests should not be ordered routinely, but there has never been a conclusive answer to when they should be permitted.

Paternity cases largely revolved around the concerns of legitimacy and the need to avoid illegitimising children. However, after the Supreme Court's landmark decision of *Justice K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India* in 2017 which ruled that the right to privacy is a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution, the court has continuously ruled that compulsory DNA testing interferes with an individual's right to privacy and bodily autonomy.

The top court had earlier consistently held in various judgments that DNA tests should not be ordered routinely. ISTOCK/GETTY IMAGES

In the present case, Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice N. Kotiswar Singh upheld the trial court order directing a DNA test to prove paternity. The alleged father and appellant approached the court to overturn the trial order.

Section 112 of the Evidence Act, 1872 (Section 116 of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam) states that a child is presumed to be legitimate unless the party disputing paternity proves that there was non-access for the relevant period of the marriage and it is upon the alleged father to prove the non-access.

In a series of older cases, the court has pulled back from using the DNA test to prove paternity. Especially since the above said section was enacted in 1872, when there was no scientific means to determine paternity. However, the DNA testing method became commercially available in India by the 1980s.

In 2014, the Supreme Court gave a wider interpretation in *Nandlal Wasudeo Badwaik v. Lata Nandlal Badwaik* holding that "in our opinion, when there is a conflict between a conclusive proof envisaged under law and a proof based on scientific advancement accepted by the world community to be correct, the latter must prevail over the former".

N.D. Tiwari case

In the same year, the N.D. Tiwari paternity row was highly publicised in which veteran politician Narayan Dutt Tiwari was compelled to take a DNA test that proved he was the biological father of Rohit Shekhar. The long-drawn-out six-year case established a significant legal precedent regarding privacy, scientific evidence, and the rights of children born out of wedlock. Though Tiwari strongly argued that his right to privacy was violated, the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court ordered for the test.

In the present case, neither the court gave an unrestricted right to the child to demand DNA testing nor abandon the alleged father's right to privacy, but rather held that in the domain of right to privacy, it wants to balance the interests of the alleged father's privacy with that of the child's desire for closure on a question that has loomed large on his life.

Right of accused to travel abroad can't be seen in isolation: SC

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The Supreme Court has held that the fundamental right to travel abroad which comes under Article 21 cannot be viewed in isolation; rather it needs to be balanced with the victim's right to speedy trial.

A Division Bench comprising Justices Dipankar Datta and Satish Chandra Sharma set aside the Telangana High Court's order permitting a businessman, who is an accused in a criminal case, to travel to the U.S. for medical treatment.

The case arose out of a complaint lodged in 2014 about the suspicious death of the complainant's father after which an FIR was filed against the businessman and others of criminal conspiracy and abetment of suicide under the Indian Penal Code.

The trial has not commenced even after ten years. The top court held that the High Court was "indulgent" rather than judicially restrained in granting such permission.

The court noted that the accused had been filing successive petitions, securing interim protection, and withdrawing those before final adjudication, while leaving the country on a suspended look out circular without seeking the court's permission. Therefore, the accused cannot claim that the condition restraining travel amounts to an infringement of fundamental rights, it added.

In 2016, he obtained an order suspending the look out circular and left India in 2017, returning only in April 2025 when he was arrested at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad.

Now, the Supreme Court held that the High Court erred in permitting the travel. "A balance must be struck between the individual liberty of the respondent no. 2 on the one hand and the right of the appellant to a speedy trial together with the larger societal interest in ensuring the effective administration of criminal justice, on the other," the Bench said.

INBRIEF

TVS Motor launches premium retail channel TVS Paddock

TVS Motor Company (TVSM) on Saturday announced the launch of 'TVS Paddock', an exclusive retail channel dedicated to its premium motorcycle portfolio as it seeks to strengthen customer engagement and tap the country's fast-growing premium mobility segment. TVS Paddock will offer immersive brand experiences, personalised services and enhanced after-sales support for premium motorcycle customers, said a statement from two and three-wheeler manufacturer, which is part of TVS VENU. The firm said new retail network has been designed by London-based Checkland Kindlysides. PTI

NSE set to operationalise Electronic Gold Receipt soon

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) is in the preparatory stage to operationalise Electronic Gold Receipt (EGR) and it will be completed in a week to 10 days, said chief business development officer of NSE Sriram Krishnan. The NSE unveiled EGR on May 4 and it will be available in five denominations each for 995 and 999 purity gold. There is a demand for two more denominations which is likely to be incorporated. Jewellers are saying EGR will give opportunities to expand business hugely, he said. It is estimated about 25,000 tonne of gold with the people are savings and another 25,000 tonne is with temples.

ISMA welcomes introduction of E85 infrastructure

Launch of E85 infrastructure by Indian Oil, with E85 priced at about ₹82.12 per litre versus ₹102.12 per litre for E20, completes India's flex-fuel ecosystem alongside Flexi Fuel Vehicles (FFVs) launches by Hero MotoCorp and Maruti Suzuki. If FFVs account for 50% of new vehicle sales, there will be a demand for 312 crore litre of ethanol annually, said Deepak Ballani, Director General of Indian Sugar and Bio Energy Manufacturers Association. Madhav B. Shriram, VP of the Association, added E85 will enhance local use of ethanol and create value across rural economy.

SpaceX IPO: Musk's bet to save empire

The company is targeting a $75 billion raise at a valuation of $1.75-2 trillion; investors are already scrutinising the "Frankenco" structure of the firm where profits from the space-based Internet service Starlink are being used to offset xAI's heavy losses, nearly $6.4 billion in 2025 alone

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Sky high risk: A SpaceX Super Heavy booster carrying the Starship spacecraft lifts off on its 12th test flight at Texas, U.S. REUTERS

The SpaceX initial public offering (IPO), set for June 12, on Nasdaq (SPCX) is expected to be the largest single listing in history. The company is targeting a $75 billion raise at a valuation of $1.75-2 trillion.

SpaceX is seeking large liquidity influx to fund its Orbital Data Centre (ODC) and terrestrial expansion of artificial intelligence (AI) unit. "The prospectus also shows a mandatory deleveraging whereby SpaceX must use its IPO proceeds to repay a $20 billion loan within six months.'

Early headwinds

Investors are already scrutinising the "Frankenco" structure of the company, where profits from the space-based Internet service Starlink are being used to offset xAI's heavy losses, nearly $6.4 billion in 2025 alone.

Starlink is facing headwinds of its own. In May, in a bid to protect competitors like Eutelsat and OneWeb, the European Commission proposed new regulations to limit third-country, including U.S., satellite operators to only one-third of Europe's bandwidth. This significantly shrinks Starlink's market in a high-wealth region. Second, as more direct-to-cell services launch, the amount of noise in protected radio bands increases. Regulators are thus becoming more conservative with spectrum grants, thus imposing a ceiling on Starlink's data throughput.

While pre-IPO deals with Google (worth $30 billion) and Anthropic for AI provide revenue bridge capacity, investor scepticism has stayed high. Analysts at Morningstar have already warned of a valuation bubble, pegging the company's fair value at just $780 billion, which is less than half of SpaceX's target. Sceptics are motivated by independent experts calling into question the viability of Musk's ODC plans.

Financial complexity

In March, SpaceX secured a $20 billion bridge loan led by Goldman Sachs. A bridge loan is a short-term loan, usually for 6-18 months, for immediate liquidity until a larger and more permanent funding event, like an IPO, happens. This loan was used to retire $17.5 billion of high-interest junk debt sitting on the balance sheets of X and xAI. SpaceX's S-1 filing clearly states that the company is required to use a portion of its IPO proceeds to repay this loan within six months.

Normally, an IPO generates capital for growth; in this case, that would be money to build more rockets. However, here, a significant portion of the $75 billion raised will be non-productive capital as it won't go into R&D but to pay off a loan.

Likewise, in February 2026, SpaceX officially merged with xAI, folding the social network X (a subsidiary of xAI) and the Grok AI model into the SpaceX corporate structure. Morningstar analysis flagged this as a 'related-party transaction' (RPT).'

That is, because Musk controlled all the involved entities, the price of the merger – $250 billion for xAI – was determined not by the open market but by internal maths. Investors generally dislike RPTs for this reason. Morningstar's scepticism was further bolstered by the fact that xAI was burning cash, and by merging it into SpaceX, its losses were being hidden inside the considerable revenue from Starlink. As a result, investors could have a harder time calculating the real burn rate of SpaceX's core rocket business.

The new valuation of $1.75-2 trillion also rests on the assumption SpaceX will own the 'rails' of the AI economy. As part of this, SpaceX has proposed a new semiconductors fabricating facility dubbed Terafab in Grimes County, Texas, at a cost of $55-119 billion. The goal is to manufacture 1 terawatt of internal computing capacity per year. This will be in the form of custom GPUs for xAI models and SpaceX satellites. In an IPO, however, this asks investors to buy shares based on what money SpaceX is making now from its existing businesses as well as the performance of a chip-making factory it is yet to build. Critics argued SpaceX is trying to solve a supply-chain bottleneck by becoming its own supplier for the world's most complex product – custom GPUs – which could lead to long delays.

The proposed ODC is tied to this. According to the filing with the U.S. Federal Communications Commission, the constellation will have 1 million satellites with computing accelerators. The pitch seems to be that AI models running in orbit will be able to harvest 24/7 solar energy and bypass terrestrial land-use regulations. But it is no coincidence to justify a $2 trillion valuation, SpaceX needs a total addressable market (TAM) larger than just launch services – and this is the ODC, an attempt to claim the AI cloud computing TAM.

However, thanks to risks like orbital debris, the insurance premiums and regulatory fines on the ODC alone could make all of SpaceX un-investable.

Finally, to bolster the IPO, SpaceX signed a $30 billion pact with Google through 2029 as part of which Google will pay about $920 million/month before IPO to access SpaceX's AI chip clusters as bridge capacity for Google's Gemini AI models. While this is SpaceX's attempt to show AI-in-orbit business can be profitable, the catch is Google is renting SpaceX's terrestrial resources.

Concerns about ODC

Independent experts already raised serious questions on how a server in earth orbit will shed heat fast enough to keep operating – a huge engineering challenge on the ground even with convection (the natural movement of air from warmer to cooler areas) to help. In space, however, there is no air, so there is no convective cooling.

Another option is radiation but here the Stefan-Boltzmann law of statistical mechanics stands in the way. To shed 1 MW of waste heat – corresponding to a small terrestrial data center – at 20° C, a satellite will need about 1,200 sq. m radiator area, larger than wingspan of a Boeing 747. Engineering sceptics have already estimated the mass of radiators required to cool gigawatt-scale computational facility in orbit would make the satellites too heavy to be cost-effective, even with Starship's reduced launch costs.

Second, high-performance AI chips, like NVIDIA H100s or SpaceX's custom silicon are very sensitive to single-event upsets (SEUs) from cosmic rays. In an SEU, a single charged particle striking a sensitive part of a microelectronic device can change its state. So, the chips will have to be 'hardened' to radiation, which will cut performance by orders of magnitude. An alternative plan to launch consumer-grade chips and replace them every 2-3 years would heighten the space debris risk and boost costs beyond profitability.

Gambler's scheme

By using SpaceX IPO proceeds to pay off the bridge loan, Musk is effectively shifting debt from a private, struggling entity to a public and successful one. Second, if the $1.75 trillion valuation is the "bubble" Morningstar suggests it is, new investors will essentially provide the exit liquidity for the banks. Third, even if SpaceX captures 100% of the global launch market, that is only a roughly $20 billion/year industry. And if the ODC is physically impossible or economically unviable due to the cooling constraints, the $2 trillion valuation will effectively be based on a phantom product. Finally, by announcing a capital-intensive project in the form of Terafab, SpaceX is trying to force the market to keep funding it.

Taken together, it has many signs of a Ponzi scheme – but it isn't one. Instead, it is a gamble. Musk is betting he can build Terafab and ODC fast enough for revenue they generate to dwarf the $20 billion debt dumped into the firm. But this is also why the S&P 500 has refused to waive strict inclusion rules for SpaceX, essentially calling Musk's bluff on the company's financial health.

Ultimately, if the ODC also fails, SpaceX will be left a successful rocket firm with unsustainable debt and a stock price that could drop 70-80% once the AI hype has been stripped off.

Prime Minister flags 'national interest' in Sterlite's 'green copper' project in TN

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Green idea: A guard stands in front of the Sterlite Industries copper plant in Thoothukudi, TN. REUTERS

The Sterlite Copper plant in Thoothukudi has been shut for eight years. Around the time of police firing on protesters in 2018 that left 13 dead and about 100 injured, the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) withdrew consent for the unit to operate. The State government later ordered its closure.

Citing repeated environmental violations and holding the firm responsible for sulphur dioxide leak in 2013, the Madras High Court upheld the closure order. The Supreme Court later endorsed the ruling. For many in Tamil Nadu, Sterlite seemed a closed chapter.

Yet, on May 10 this year, PM Narendra Modi invoked the Sterlite issue, lamenting the closure and seeing a conspiracy behind it. "There was a time when India used to export copper. But today, India has to import copper. In our country, strikes and protests led to copper plants being shut down," he said.

Sterlite Copper had a capacity of 4 lakh tonnes of refined copper annually, meeting about 40% of India's local demand and contributing to exports. Its closure made India a net importer of refined copper from being an exporter.

Importing 4 lakh tonne of refined copper instead of ore for domestic smelting entails a foreign exchange outgo at about $3.5 billion. The smelter supplied almost 350 downstream firms, many in MSME sector, and its shutdown disrupted supply chains and contributed to price increases.

Copper is increasingly viewed as a strategic metal due to its role in electric vehicles, renewable energy systems and power transmission infrastructure. The closure also hit operations at the Thoothukudi port, which handled copper concentrate imports, with wider repercussions for the local economy.

Prolonged protests

However, the Sterlite plant faced prolonged protests ever since it started operations in the mid-90s. Fishermen initially protested over fears effluents would affect marine life and livelihoods. Later, townspeople and environmental activists took the lead. Concerns ranged from groundwater contamination and hazardous solid waste disposal to air pollution, which were documented in court judgments. The 2013 gas leak remains a particularly sensitive issue.

The final round of protests in 2018 was triggered by the firm's plans for capacity expansion and was led largely by villagers living around the plant. The agitation drew support from across political parties and activist groups and gathered momentum as it approached 100th day. Veteran CPI leader and ex-MP M. Appadurai later remarked he had rarely seen such broad-based participation in any public movement. The protests culminated in the police firing on May 22, 2018.

Despite the closure, Vedanta has continued efforts to restart operations. The company proposed a revamped manufacturing process to produce what it called "green copper". As per Sterlite, the new process would reduce environmental impacts through cleaner technology, renewable energy use, improved sulphur dioxide emission controls, greater water recycling and a shift towards desalinated seawater as a source. It also proposed shutting down the phosphoric acid unit that generated gypsum waste.

Application to TNPCB

Vedanta submitted an application to the TNPCB on January 9 of this year seeking Consent To Operate the proposed green copper plant at the Thoothukudi site but the board rejected application on January 27.

Sterlite approached the Madras High court saying its application had been rejected in an arbitrary manner without providing advance notice or an opportunity for hearing. Chief Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava and Justice G. Arul Murugan directed Tamil Nadu Additional Advocate General to get instructions from the State government regarding the constitution of an expert committee to study the possibility of permitting the 'green copper' facility.

It is against this backdrop that Mr. Modi's remarks assume significance. In Hyderabad, he said, "I would also appeal to the courts that whenever such situations arise, efforts should be made to find solutions keeping national interest foremost."

Not for all time

Commenting on the legal route taken by Sterlite, Sanjay Hegde, senior advocate at the Supreme Court of India, said while closure of the original project acquired judicial finality, the verdicts don't bind things for all times to come. Sterlite is within rights to try with a different process.

New dimension

"The courts should check to see whether there is a new dimension to what is being propounded or is it just a ruse to revive the old project with only cosmetic changes," he said

Mr. Hegde added that the Prime Minister may well be right that having another smelter is in national interest. But the question is whether national interest can be to the detriment of all environmental concerns.

"What is happening is a broader agenda which says that environmentalism can be totally ignored and is antithetical to growth. When national interest is raised, the courts should take it into account but ask for particulars. How exactly is it in national interest?"

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1st Corrigendum

In continuation to this office order No.2581, Dated.03.06.2026 and Bid Identification No.CCERWCSBD-Online-11/2026-27 invited vide this office Notice No.2162, Dtd.11.05.2026, the partial modification of NCB has been made as follows :

1. Availability of Tender online for bidding Extended up to Dtd.19.06.2026 at 5.00 PM
2. Last Date and Time of seeking tender clarification Dtd.18.06.2026 up to 2.00 PM
3. Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid) on Dtd.20.06.2026 at 11.00 AM.
4. Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid) Will be intimated later

All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered.

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Bursts of rain may deal a double whammy to soil moisture, nitrogen

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Two new studies, published in *Nature* and *Nature Geoscience*, have found that as climate change concentrates rainfall into fewer, more intense events, the land below may face a double whammy. In their May 13 paper in *Nature*, Dartmouth College, U.S., researchers concluded that more concentrated rain can reduce the amount of water stored in soils and aquifers across all global climates. This is because heavy bursts of rain can exceed the soil's infiltration capacity, leading to an "infiltration excess" where water pools on the surface.

Because these intense events are typically separated by longer dry intervals, the pooled water evaporates instead of recharging deep soil layers. Their work suggests that the drying effect of precipitation concentration is roughly equal in magnitude to the wetting effect of increasing total annual rainfall, effectively neutralising potential gains in the availability of water in many regions.

In their May 25 paper in *Nature Geoscience*, researchers from across China reported a specific rainfall threshold of around 700 mm/year that seemed to determine how soil retains nitrogen. Below this threshold, the soil generally retains nitrogen because a limited amount of water restricts the movement of nutrients and encourages competition between plants and microbes. But above 700 mm, more moisture encourages leaching, leading to significant nitrogen loss.

These studies together suggest concentrated rainfall could blur the distinction between wetter and drier rainfall regimes. If a region receives 600 mm of rain in concentrated bursts rather than in steady intervals, the downpours could wash more nitrogen out of the soils than the annual rainfall total alone would suggest.

According to the *Nature* study, 27% of the world's population will face abnormally dry conditions due to concentrated rainfall alone even if total rainfall doesn't decrease. A growing body of research suggests the southwest monsoon is itself becoming more episodic, with more seasonal rainfall falling in intense downpours separated by longer dry intervals.

This, together with the *Nature Geoscience* study's findings, suggests annual total rainfall alone may no longer capture how ecosystems respond to changing rainfall patterns.

Intense rainfall events can wash away nitrogen, a nutrient crucial for plant growth, before it can be used, while the subsequent dry period can quicken water loss by evaporation.

Scientists rule out worst-case climate scenario, with caution

The doomsday climate scenario is now unrealistic due to slower emissions growth; however, the decline is still not nearly enough to limit global warming to the most optimistic scenario

Neelima Vallangi

Climate scientists have released a new set of global emission scenarios that will serve as the basis for climate research over the coming years. And here, the worst-case scenario that put the world on track to experience warming well above 4° C by the end of the century has finally been retired.

Called RCP8.5, the high-emission scenario was deemed implausible in the latest revision thanks to the rapid adoption of renewable energy and countries implementing climate policies.

Scientists say climate action eliminating the 'doomsday scenario' is encouraging because that means the extreme consequences associated with 4° to 5° C of warming can now be avoided.

However, they warned, the planet is still on track to experience drastic climate change under current policies.

After months of experiments and collaboration across dozens of research centres worldwide, a team of earth system modelling experts published seven new emissions scenarios in April. In this set, the new highest emission scenario projects an overall warming of around 3.5° C by 2100.

RCP8.5 is out "mainly because of the rapid transition to renewable energy in several countries around the globe, particularly China, which is number one in terms of carbon emissions today," Govindaswamy Bala, professor at the Center for Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, who was also part of the latest scenario development, said. "Emissions have peaked and are declining in the U.S. and Europe, and are plateauing in China."

At the same time, there remains no plausible path to keep warming below 1.5° C without significant overshoot under the current emissions trajectory. Overshoot means temporarily exceeding the 1.5° C of warming threshold before returning to the limit by 2100.

"While that original high emissions path has become irrelevant, getting to the low emission levels consistent with preventing dangerous climate change has also become much more difficult to achieve," Detlef van Vuuren, a climate scientist at the PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency who has led emissions scenario development for many years, said.

In 2011, when RCP8.5 emerged as one of the four 'Representative Concentration Pathways' scientists introduced, its drastic prognoses for the world took on a life of their own. For scenario developers, it denoted the world in which governments enacted no climate policy; but many climate modellers used RCP8.5 as the "business as usual" scenario. However, scientists had intended it only as an edge case: to model earth systems under unabated fossil fuel expansion and high population growth.

In 2016, scientists upgraded the RCPs to SSPs, or 'Shared Socioeconomic Pathways', which integrated factors such as economic growth and population expansion alongside greenhouse gas concentrations. RCP8.5 then became SSP5-8.5, with a projected warming of 4.4° C by 2100.

Many scientists said the new revision demonstrates the usual process of doing climate research: by constantly integrating new information and eliminating unrealistic scenarios.

That said, the world has not averted the worst of climate change. A recent study in *Nature* reported that even moderate global warming of 2° C will increase the risk of extreme outcomes such as droughts in key breadbasket regions, extreme rainfall over highly populated areas, and fire weather extremes across forests. The world is close to the medium pathway in the new CMIP7 scenarios: facing an expected warming of up to 2.8° C by 2100.

"The new scenarios can shed light on what to expect but do not radically change the fact that India is highly exposed to extreme events, in all scenarios, because they take us into dangerous 2° C and beyond-2°-C territory," Chandni Singh, climate adaptation researcher at the Indian Institute for Human Settlements and an IPCC Lead Author, said.

RCP8.5 assumed that the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would triple (to 850-900 ppm) due to increasing coal use and that the world's population would swell beyond 10 billion. Both these possibilities have since become unrealistic.

That said, "if the climate turns out to be much more sensitive [to CO_2 concentration], then we could end up with warming levels associated with RCP8.5," Dr. van Vuuren said. "Secondly, it is still possible to hit those warming levels if we are on the high emission pathway, but around the year 2150."

There is already some evidence that we may have underestimated climate sensitivity, as scientists have been baffled by accelerating global warming in the last three years. They hope to resolve this uncertainty as climate models simulate earth systems in these new scenarios with new data.

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Not business as usual

The new highest emission scenario projects an overall warming of around 3.5° C by 2100

- Scientists have retired the extreme RCP8.5 climate scenario because global warming above 4° C now seems implausible
- The revision comes thanks to countries adopting renewable sources of energy and implementing climate policies
- Even so, current global policies place the world on a 'medium pathway' towards roughly 2.8° C of warming by 2100
- Keeping global surface temperature rise below 1.5° C also appears impossible without a significant period of temporary overshoot
- Even a moderate global warming level of 2° C still poses severe risks for extreme weather and global food security
- New research integrates updated data to refine climate models while accounting for remaining uncertainties about planetary sensitivity

Making a difference: 'Emissions have peaked and are declining in the U.S. and Europe, and are plateauing in China'. RABIH SHASHA

How organisations are reckoning with AI addiction

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John Xavier

In December 2025, Microsoft opened the doors for thousands of its engineers to use Anthropic's Claude Code – an AI coding assistant – as part of an internal experiment to benchmark the best tools available. That test worked too well, as some employees decisively chose it over Microsoft's own AI coding assistance – GitHub Copilot CLI.

Then, by May 2026, the software giant began cancelling most of those Claude Code licences, instructing teams behind Windows, Microsoft 365, Outlook, Teams, and Surface to migrate back to Copilot CLI before June 30. That day is apparently the last day of the company's fiscal year. While it has called this rollback a "toolchain unification," the financial reality, per multiple reports, suggests that engineers had used Claude Code a little too much.

This is the paradox of enterprise AI adoption in 2026. To understand this situation better, it helps to go down the memory lane on how software companies operated earlier. Before OpenAI's ChatGPT arrived in late November 2022, the dominant tools in a developer's toolkit were a code editor like VS Code, a version control system like Git, documentation wikis, Jira boards, Slack threads, and an occasional Stack Overflow lookup.

Most of these were open-source tools or flat-rate subscriptions that cost essentially nothing. An engineer could work all day without the company spending an extra rupee.

Every action an agentic tool does consumes tokens — the unit of text a language model processes. AI-GENERATED IMAGE

Then came the chatbots like ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Llama, and a cascade of capable successors. GitHub Copilot, which had been available since 2022, gained significant traction as models improved. By 2024, engineering teams were routinely asking AI assistants to write boilerplate, review pull requests, suggest fixes, and generate test cases. As these interactions were short and mostly conversational, the costs were modest.

But the arrival of agentic coding tools disrupted the way engineers worked as they didn't just answer queries but took a series of actions. These AI agents could read files, run tests, check for errors, revise code, read the context again, and loop through all of this autonomously. Claude Code, Cursor, and their peers work this way.

The problem comes down to what is called "token maxxing." Every action an agentic tool does consumes tokens – the unit of text a language model processes.

A session that starts at five thousand tokens per call can balloon to two hundred thousand tokens per call by the time the agent is fifty turns deep. As one detailed analysis documented, a developer who tracked token consumption across 42 agentic runs found that roughly 70% of tokens consumed were effectively wasted. The agent was re-reading files it had already processed, exploring dead ends, and re-verifying things it already knew. The corporate toll of this wastage is becoming public in uncomfortable ways.

An internal leaderboard that ranked teams by AI usage volume had accelerated adoption, which accelerated bills. Uber's COO, Andrew Macdonald admitted that drawing a line between rising token consumption and actual consumer feature delivery was proving elusive.

Box CEO Aaron Levie has argued that the token consumption problem will eventually spread from engineering into legal, sales, and every other knowledge-work function.

Goldman Sachs, in a report, projected that global token consumption could increase 24-fold by 2030 as agentic AI becomes standard practice.

It is unclear when these perspectives will converge. But, for now, it is clear that companies are becoming thrifty when it comes to token usage.

Agentic AI tools are becoming an infrastructure cost that scales with every autonomous decision an agent makes. And organisations that do not implement usage controls, token budgets, and honest ROI benchmarks are not adopting AI, but are funding it.

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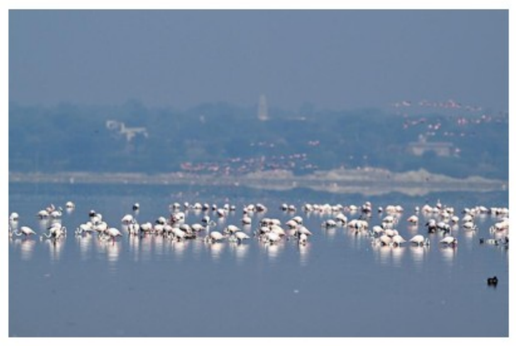

Industrial salt pans threaten Sambhar Lake's survival

Sambhar Lake is India's largest inland saltwater wetland. When they analysed satellite data from 1984 to 2023, scientists found the lake depends heavily on seasonal rain, with water levels peaking in late summer and shrinking significantly in the dry season. Between 2022 and 2023, the lake's surface also shrank while salt pans nearby expanded. The authors said efforts to conserve the lake must separate industrial salt pans and the wetland environment, including natural saline land.

AI models fail distraction test that humans pass

Humans use an ability called executive control to focus their attention on tasks and ignore distractions. Researchers used the Stroop task, asking AI models to name the ink colour of words while ignoring the text, like 'BLUE' written in red. While the models did well on short word lists, the models' executive controls nosedived as the lists got longer, unlike humans. The results suggest current AI models will need additional controls to achieve general intelligence.

When eating insects, Europeans start on back foot

Insect shells have a tough material called chitin. Humans have to digest chitin if they eat insects. When researchers analysed two genes that produce chitin-digesting enzymes in the stomach, they found people in the tropics had the variants that improve digestibility. However, Europeans had the gene variants that significantly reduced these enzymes' levels. The team also confirmed these genetic differences existed around 9,000 years ago. In a world with insect foods, Europeans could be disadvantaged.

Question Corner

Marks that stay

What is a birthmark? How does it form?

A birthmark is a coloured mark on the skin that is either present at birth or develops shortly afterwards. While some of them may fade over time, others stay for life. Birthmarks are essentially 'mistakes' in the development of skin cells or blood vessels. They generally fall in one of two categories. Vascular birthmarks occur when blood vessels in a particular area do not form correctly, i.e. because there are too many of them or they may be wider than usual. The extra blood flow that results gives the skin there a red, pink or even purple appearance. Common examples include the so-called 'stork bikes' on the neck or the 'strawberry' marks. Second, pigmented birthmarks are caused when melanocytes, the cells that give your skin its colour, overgrow in an area. As these cells cluster together, they create a patch that is darker than the surrounding skin. Common variations include moles, light-brown 'café-au-lait' spots, and bluish-gray patches. The exact reason why these clusters form is not known.

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Why did riots break out in Southampton?

Why did protests erupt months after a murder? How have Sikhs reacted? What are the debates about the kirpan?

Sriram Lakshman

The story so far:

On June 2, far-right protestors in Southampton in the U.K. clashed with the police. Some of the clashes occurred near the home of Vickrum Digwa, a 23-year-old Sikh man who received a life sentence on June 1 for killing 18-year-old Henry Nowak last December.

Why have protests erupted now?

Protests erupted following the release of police bodycam footage which showed Nowak being handcuffed and arrested as he lay dying. Mr. Digwa, who had stabbed Nowak multiple times with a long knife, which he carried for religious reasons, denied the stabbing and falsely claimed that Nowak had racially abused him.

Controversial far-right figure Tommy Robinson (born Stephen Yaxley-Lennon) and actor Laurence Fox addressed the crowd before the protests began. At least five people have been arrested after 11 officers were injured in the attack.

How has the political establishment reacted?

The treatment of Nowak drew widespread condemnation. Despite repeatedly telling the police that he had been stabbed and could not breathe, he was dragged, made to sit up, and handcuffed, and disbelieved. On the other hand, the perpetrator was dealt with courteously.

Some on the hard right have alleged that the police practice 'two-tier policing' – softer treatment for racial minorities and those on the left committing crimes or protesting. "We cannot allow the colour of someone's skin to be a consideration in how the police or other public services treat people, and yet this has happened," Shadow Home Secretary (Conservative) Chirs Philp said in Parliament.

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Such accusations are not new. The Keir Starmer-led Labour government had previously rejected these claims as has the Metropolitan Police (Met). U.K. Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood told the House of Commons on June 2 that the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) was investigating the case and she did not want to comment while the probe was under way. "The police in this country have a sacred duty to police without fear or favour. Everyone in this country is equal before the law," she said. Ms. Mahmood also emphasised the commitment of the government to halve knife crime.

Mark Nowak, the victim's father, also urged the government to treat knife crime as an emergency. He said he did not want his son's murder to be used to create further divisions.

Politicians from several parties, including Labour, Conservatives, and the Liberal Democrats, have warned against creating divisions in society as a response to the tragedy. However, nativist party Reform U.K.'s leader, Nigel Farage, called on people to respond with "pure, cold rage", drawing criticism from MPs across party lines. Conservatives across the Atlantic, including tech billionaire Elon Musk, U.S. Vice President J.D. Vance and the U.S. State Department, have inserted themselves into the debate.

What next for the police?

One of the four officers who had responded to the scene of the crime had already resigned. A probe by the IOPC to look into the officer's actions on the night of the murder is also under way. The National Police Chiefs' Council is reviewing the anti-racism guidance of the police, which has one of its goals, "Producing equality of policing outcomes for people from different ethnic groups". It goes on to say this "does not mean treating everyone 'the same' or being 'colour blind' (racial equality)."

How have Sikh groups reacted?

Sikh politicians and representatives of Gurudwaras have expressed solidarity with the Nowak family and condemned the murder. Several prominent voices in the community have distanced themselves from Mr. Digwa and reiterated that he did not stand for Sikh values. They have also discussed the role Sikhs have played in Britain, emphasising their integration into British society and contributions, especially during the World Wars.

Some have also emphasised that the "large dagger" used to commit the murder was not the small curved ceremonial and religious dagger, the kirpan, which is generally worn concealed under clothing. However, the judge in the case said that the second large knife was a religious object, noting that members of the Nihang Sikh order traditionally carry a second, often visible, kirpan, though this is not a strict requirement.

"Fully practicing Sikhs who wear a kirpan should continue to recognise the serious responsibility that accompanies it," a statement released by the Sikh Press Association said.

Kemi Badenoch, who leads the Opposition in Parliament, has called for a review of what weapons can be carried in public.

Why did SC back curbs on online gaming?

What were the two sets of appeals concerning the regulation and taxation of online gaming platforms in front of the Court? What were the main objections raised by gaming companies against the GST levy? What are the likely consequences for India's online gaming industry?

Aaratrika Bhaumik

The story so far:

The Supreme Court on May 27, 2026, delivered two rulings with major ramifications for the country's real-money gaming industry. A Bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan upheld the constitutional validity of the Centre's retrospective 28% GST levy on online gaming companies and, in a separate judgment, affirmed the validity of State laws prohibiting real-money gaming platforms.

What did the Court have to decide?

The judgments arose from two distinct sets of appeals concerning the regulation and taxation of online gaming platforms. The first batch related to State laws prohibiting online betting and wagering. In 2021, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka enacted legislation criminalising betting on games played in cyberspace and prescribing penalties, including imprisonment. After the Madras and Karnataka High Courts struck down these enactments, the respective State governments approached the Supreme Court, arguing that betting and gambling fall within their legislative competence under Entry 34 of List II of the Seventh Schedule. They further contended that the restrictions were necessary to address addiction and other social harms associated with online betting.

The second batch concerned the applicability of the GST regime to online gaming involving money stakes. The appeals arose from decisions of the Bombay and Karnataka High Courts, which held that online gaming transactions did not constitute actionable claims under the GST law and consequently quashed tax proceedings initiated against gaming companies. The Union government thereafter challenged these rulings before the Supreme Court.

The Court held that, for GST purposes, the distinction between games of skill and games of chance becomes irrelevant once money is staked on an uncertain outcome

Supreme Court of India.

Why was the GST levy upheld?

The dispute over the GST liability of online gaming platforms stemmed from amendments approved by the GST Council in August 2023. The Council clarified that all online games involving bets or wagers, irrespective of whether they were predominantly games of skill or games of chance, would attract GST at 28% on the full value of the amount staked by players.

Following the Council's decision, the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) issued a series of tax demand notices to gaming companies. The notices sought to levy GST not only under the amended regime, which came into force on October 1, 2023, but also on revenues earned during the pre-amendment period, resulting in tax demands running into several lakh crore rupees.

Challenging these demands, gaming companies argued that GST could be levied only on the consideration retained by the platform and not on the entire value of bets or contest entry fees contributed by users. Taxing the full face value of stakes, they contended, was commercially untenable and failed to account for the long-recognised distinction between games of skill and games of chance.

Rejecting these arguments, the Supreme Court held that online gaming platforms involving money stakes were distinct from conventional skill-based competitions. While participants in a skill-based contest merely pay an entry fee to compete, the Court observed that online gaming platforms are structured around wagering and often encourage repeated participation through discounts and bonuses.

The Court further held that, for GST purposes, the distinction between games of skill and games of chance becomes irrelevant once money is staked on an uncertain outcome. Referring to the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (CGST Act), which expressly includes actionable claims relating to lottery, betting, and gambling within the tax net, the Court concluded that Parliament was competent to levy GST on online gaming involving money stakes. It also rejected the industry's contention that the 2023 amendments imposed a fresh levy. Instead, the Court held that the amendments merely "clarified and standardised" the existing legal framework governing the taxation of such activities and were therefore capable of operating retrospectively.

Why did the Court uphold State curbs on real-money gaming?

At the outset, the Court observed that "betting" and "gambling" are res extra commercium (activities outside legitimate commerce) and therefore fall outside the protection ordinarily available to trade and business activities. It held that while games of skill may be constitutionally protected, the introduction of money stakes imparts the character of wagering to the activity, bringing it within the States' legislative competence.

The Bench was also not persuaded by the contention that fantasy sports are predominantly skill-based. It noted that even sophisticated predictive models are unable to forecast sporting outcomes with certainty.

The Court further observed that the widespread availability of smartphones and digital payment gateways had effectively turned every mobile phone into a virtual "gambling house". It held that State governments are competent to impose reasonable restrictions on such activities and could draw legislative support not only from Entry 34 of List II relating to betting and gambling but also from Entry 1 concerning public order.

What are the implications?

The judgments come at a time when the industry is already grappling with the fallout of the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025 (2025 Act). The legislation prohibited all forms of online real-money gaming, with the government citing national security concerns, including the alleged use of digital wallets and cryptocurrencies for money laundering and illicit fund transfers. It, however, carved out exceptions for e-sports, educational games, and social gaming.

Sudipta Bhattacharjee, Partner at Khaitan & Co, who has represented several online gaming and casino companies before the Supreme Court, told *The Hindu* that the industry had effectively come to a standstill following the enactment of the 2025 law, which could make recovery of the tax demands difficult. "The GST ruling may not translate into any meaningful recovery for the authorities. Many companies have either shifted their operations outside India or pivoted to sectors such as social gaming and fintech. The GST demands are several times higher than the revenues these companies have ever earned and are simply beyond their ability to pay. We are also likely to see a spate of insolvency proceedings," he said.

Mr. Bhattacharjee also pointed out that the verdict could have implications for the challenge to the 2025 law on the ground that Parliament lacked the legislative competence to enact it. "The apex court has clearly held that betting and gambling are State subjects under Entry 34 and upheld State laws regulating such activities. We will now have to wait and see how the Union government defends its position that it has the legislative competence to enact the 2025 law under Entry 52 of the Union List, which permits regulation of industries where such intervention is considered expedient in the public interest," he said.

Why is there a rebellion in the Trinamool Congress?

What event triggered the rebellion within the Trinamool Congress legislature party? Why were MLAs Ritabrata Banerjee and Sandipan Saha expelled from the party? What challenges do Mamata Banerjee and the party face?

Shiv Sahay Singh

The story so far:

On June 3, 58 of the 80 MLAs of the Trinamool Congress submitted a letter to the Speaker of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly supporting the claim of expelled party legislator, Ritabrata Banerjee, to the post of Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly. The Speaker, Rathindra Bose, accepted the claim and appointed the 57-year-old Uluberia Purba MLA as the Leader of the Opposition.

What led to the rebellion?

The appointment marked the beginning of a rebellion in the Trinamool Congress legislature party, as the party leadership wanted Rashbehari MLA and former Minister Sovandeb Chattopadhyay, 82, to be appointed the Leader of the Opposition.

A letter nominating Mr. Chattopadhyay, a 10-time MLA, as the Leader of the Opposition was sent to the Speaker on May 20. However, allegations of signatures of MLAs being forged in the letter surfaced. Two MLAs – Ritabrata Banerjee and Sandipan Saha – lodged a formal complaint that their signatures had been forged.

More than the rebellion and the arrests, it is public anger against corruption, extortion, and the culture of intimidation unleashed by the Trinamool over the past 15 years that is emerging as the biggest concern for the party's top leadership

Expelled TMC MLAs Ritabrata Banerjee and Sandipan Saha and TMC MLA Javed Khan in Howrah, West Bengal. PTI

An FIR was lodged at Kolkata's Hare Street Police Station and since the letter was signed by Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, the investigation has reached his doorstep. He has been served notice to appear before the investigators.

Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari, who justified the Criminal Investigation Department probe by the West Bengal police into the signature scandal, said there was no political vendetta behind the investigation and emphasised that the probe was initiated following complaints by Trinamool MLAs.

On June 1, minutes after the Chief Minister spoke about the investigation, the Trinamool expelled the two MLAs – Ritabrata Banerjee and Sandipan Saha – for anti-party activities. Within the next two days, the party, which had administered West Bengal for 15 years, faced a rebellion in its legislature party with more than two-third of its MLAs choosing Ritabrata Banerjee as the Leader of the Opposition without consulting the party leadership.

What is the nature of rebellion ?

The Trinamool Congress legislature party led by Ritabrata Banerjee has not made any claims to defect to any other party, nor has it announced so far it is starting a new party. Ritabrata Banerjee had said that the faction led by him was the "real" Trinamool Congress legislature party and will serve as a responsible Opposition in the 18th West Bengal Legislative Assembly.

Though critical of Trinamool general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, the rebel camp continues declaring its loyalty to the party's founder and chairperson Mamata Banerjee and wants her as the advisor of the legislature party. The rebels, with the support of about 60 MLAs, have also appointed a chief whip and four deputy leaders. About 20 MLAs remain loyalists to Ms. Banerjee and are publicly targeting the rebels for betraying the party chairperson.

What lies ahead?

As far as the crisis in the Trinamool is concerned, the rebellion in the legislature party is in its initial stages. Neither the Trinamool leadership nor the rebel MLAs have sought the intervention of courts. The Budget session of the West Bengal Assembly session is likely to begin from June 22, when it will be clear as to how the rebellion will shape up.

A section of rebels has also started warming up to Ms. Banerjee saying that there cannot be any Trinamool without a party chairperson. The Bharatiya Janata Party leadership has given hints that they are not keen that the rebel Trinamool MLAs join the saffron party, even though the rebel MLAs are participating in the administrative meetings chaired by Mr. Adhikari.

Since most of the anger in the party, which has resulted in a rebellion of party MLAs, is directed at Abhishek Banerjee, Ms. Banerjee on June 5 tried to assuage the anger by creating new posts of national joint secretary and appointing Derek O'Brien and Dola Sen for them. They are to assist the national general secretary.

How have party MPs reacted?

The Trinamool Congress is the second largest party in the Opposition, with 42 MPs in both the Houses of Parliament. While a few MPs have spoken against the party's leadership, there is no rebellion among the MPs.

What happens next?

Ms. Banerjee's loyalists say that the Trinamool secured 40% votes in the West Bengal Assembly elections and the party will soon bounce back under her leadership. The concern remains that even meetings called by the party chairperson in the past few days do not make for a full house, with most MPs and MLAs remaining absent.

The fate of the rebellion will depend on whether Ms. Banerjee is able to hold her flock together or not. After the defeat in the polls, both the Trinamool and Ms. Banerjee are facing a crisis of credibility. Hundreds of local-level Trinamool supporters and leaders, which include sitting and former MLAs, have been arrested on charges of corruption, extortion, and post-poll violence in 2021. More than the rebellion and the arrests, it is public anger against corruption, extortion, and the culture of intimidation unleashed by the Trinamool over the past 15 years that is emerging as the biggest concern for the party's top leadership, threatening the very existence of the party.

The Gen Z trio that took on the CBSE

Vedant Shrivastava, Nisarga Adhikary and Sarthak Sidhant

The three students who were viciously trolled for raising their voice on public platforms against the CBSE's On-Screen Marking system stand vindicated after the Board admitted to flaws in the system

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Nisarga Adhikary, an 'ethical hacker', Vedant Shrivastava, and Sarthak Sidhant have exposed flaws in the CBSE's marking system.

Vedant Shrivastava (17), Nisarga Adhikary (19) and Sarthak Sidhant (18) were ordinary teenagers until two weeks ago, before they raised their voice on public platforms against the Central Board of Secondary Education's (CBSE) botched up On-Screen Marking system. After the board admitted to flaws in the system, the Gen Z trio stood vindicated.

Class 12 student Vedant was in for a rude shock when he got called 'anti-national,' on X, as he flagged receiving a stranger's answer sheet instead of his own to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

One of the first students to raise his voice against the On-Screen Marking system deployed by the CBSE, Vedant, who is now being referred to as 'the primary whistleblower,' says that since he went public on X, what has ensued is utter 'chaos.' The trolling did not stop at being called an 'anti-national,' or 'Pakistani'. "People went on to comment about my physical appearance and my speech," he says. After pointing out the botch-up, senior officials at the CBSE admitted their mistake and traced his original physics answer sheet.

"I took to X to voice my concerns as CBSE was not replying to my distress calls. Because I am a minor, X does not specifically mention country or location but highlights the larger region to which the account belongs. In my case, this was South Asia, and I was brutally trolled and called a 'Pakistani,'" Vedant says.

After the CBSE portal for re-evaluation opened on June 2, Vedant applied to get 13 questions re-evaluated in four subjects – Computer Science, English, Mathematics and Physics.

An East Delhi resident, Vedant observes that the CBSE implemented On-Screen Marking in a hasty manner. "In my school, some teachers are very aged and they are used to checking answer copies by hand. They are not well versed with using computers. If the CBSE wants to implement the OSM system in 2027 they should give teachers proper training," he says.

It has been two weeks since Vedant's post on X, which blew the lid off a massive evaluation fiasco in the CBSE, but the media attention over the teenager has not died down.

"The controversy started affecting me but my family was very supportive," he says adding that he got 'distracted,' by the CBSE upheaval for the last two weeks but is now re-starting his preparation for the National Defence Academy entrance exams. "I aspire to be a fighter pilot with the Indian Air Force."

'Ethical hacker'

Nisarga Adhikary, a West Bengal-based "ethical hacker", exposed "critical vulnerabilities" in the CBSE's OSM portal, including leaking sensitive student information.

The CBSE immediately slipped into denial after Nisarga went public with his posts on X, and nearly after two weeks, it admitted to the flaws. "It was really frustrating for me that the CBSE and the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) took three months (since he first raised complaints in February) to admit the flaws in their portal," Nisarga told *The Hindu*. Between 2023 and 2025, Nisarga found himself embroiled in the Joint Entrance Exams (JEE) race, which he said was 'pretty depressing.' "I don't see a point in putting effort for an institute (Indian Institutes of Technology) when they are not even in top 100 ranking institutes across the world," he told *The Hindu*. Life came full circle for Nisarga when an expert IIT team invited him to fix the vulnerabilities in the CBSE's IT ecosystem. Asked why the students have been forced to take matters into their own hands, Nisarga says: "Gen Z holding people accountable is the way to go as some people in high places are full of ego."

At age 19, when most students are busy with regular schooling, Nisarga had already started interning in tech companies. He primarily identifies as a software engineer and has worked on digitising restaurant menus for a Mumbai-based tech company Skann before dabbling into an internship with Singapore-based crypto giant Cypherock and then interning with Bengaluru-based tech company Wavelength. Hacking into CBSE portals was his first brush with social activism, he says.

Nisarga says he has multiple job offers from Silicon Valley in California, and he does not want to 'waste his time going to college'. "In case I take up an offer in the U.S., I will aim to apply for an extraordinary talent visa [U.S. O-1 nonimmigrant visa], which allows individuals who have reached the top of their fields to live and work in the U.S.," he says. "However, I will stay back in India if I get a good research opportunity to work in IITs."

Nisarga believes in combining computer programming with activism to champion public rights causes around data privacy. The teen 'ethical hacker' has also publicly stated that he is 'queer,' and is concerned about the LGBTQ rights in India.

"I want to build an inclusive society where people are more accepting of each other. Religion is a coping mechanism whereas we need more scientific thought over religion to build an inclusive society," he says.

Ranchi-based Sarthak Sidhant is being chased by journalists since he alleged through comparison of public documents that the CBSE had diluted requirements to favour technology vendor COEMPT Eduteck in the OSM portal issue. Sarthak became what is likely the youngest person to depose in front of a Parliamentary Panel. After his deposition on June 2, he has not been able to return home, because he says he feels 'unsafe'. He felt compelled to shift to an undisclosed location after journalists reached his accommodation in New Delhi. "In Ranchi, I gather there are journalists waiting for me outside my house. I don't want to go back home, so I am staying put at an undisclosed location," he says.

Seeds of rationality

Sarthak says he is of a curious nature and he likes spending most of his time on his computer "digging into new things". "I do not like watching movies or web shows. What I like, however, is old songs with meaningful lyrics playing in the background while I work on my computer." Sarthak is a fan of progressive Indian poet Sahir Ludhianvi and when asked what his favourite works are, without hesitation, he immediately cites lyrics – *Tu Hindu banega na Musalaman banegaa, Insaan ki aulad hai, Insaan banega* (You will neither be a Hindu or Muslim, you are humanity's child you will be a human).

Sarthak says his parents had an intercaste marriage and they have an evolutionary and pragmatic perspective, which sowed seeds of rationality and logic in him since a young age. "After my father passed away due to cardiac arrest two years ago, I started questioning concepts like religion, philosophy and faith."

Sarthak wants to pursue engineering and go on to blend technology with social welfare for bettering lives. He looks up to Dinkar's poetry and cites the poet's famous work: *'Lohe ke ped hare honge,'* (Dried out trees will become green). "The sole message of this poetry is that one should keep asking questions and put in constant efforts to seek answers," he says.

THE GIST

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New chapter

K. Annamalai

The former BJP Tamil Nadu president has quit the party and launched a new 'movement', promising to bring 'constructive' and 'clean' politics

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On June 5, 2026, Kuppusamy Annamalai, the 42-year-old former Indian Police Service officer, announced the launch of a "movement" that he envisages to become a regional political party eventually. The movement saw more than 10 lakh registrations on the first day. On the same day, the BJP announced that it had accepted Mr. Annamalai's resignation from the party.

Reports that Mr. Annamalai would quit the BJP and start a new party was doing the rounds since January. In Tiruppur and Coimbatore districts, Annamalai's posters came up in the last week of May, indicating an announcement from him soon. He was also not present at a post-election meeting the BJP held in Coimbatore.

In a letter to the BJP leadership on June 2, Mr. Annamalai said his views do not align with BJP leaders regarding Tamil Nadu. He had had multiple conversations and disagreements with them for 18 months regarding the State. "I firmly believe that a strong and united India is built upon the strength, dignity and aspirations of its many regions and communities," he wrote in the letter to BJP president Nitin Nabin.

Mr. Annamalai's political journey began in 2020 when he was identified by B.L. Santhosh, general secretary of the BJP as a potential leader. He quit as the Deputy Commissioner of Police (South), Bengaluru, and joined the BJP in 2020. He was appointed vice president of the party for Tamil Nadu in a few weeks and contested the 2021 Assembly elections from Aravankurichi in Karur district.

He lost to R. Elango of the DMK. In July 2021, he took over as the BJP's Tamil Nadu State president. At the age of 37, he became the youngest leader to head the BJP State unit, from July 16, 2021 to April 11, 2025.

Crowd puller

His '*En Mann, En Makkal*' padayatra started in July 2023 was a crowd puller in many parts of the State, and attracted several youngsters to the party. However, his remarks against the AIADMK ideology and some of its leaders that year led to the AIADMK severing its ties with the BJP and exiting the National Democratic Alliance.

Mr. Annamalai had vociferously pushed for the BJP contesting the elections in Tamil Nadu without an alliance with the AIADMK. For the 2024 Parliamentary elections, Mr. Annamalai brought the Pattali Makkal Katchi, Tamil Maanila Congress, and the Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam to the Tamil Nadu NDA. He contested from Coimbatore and lost to Ganapathi P. Rajkumar of the DMK.

It is said that AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami wanted Mr. Annamalai to be removed from the post of the State president for the AIADMK to ally with the BJP for the 2026 Assembly elections.

Born in an agrarian family at Thoppampatti in Karur district on June 4, 1984, Mr. Annamalai graduated in Mechanical Engineering from the PSG College of Technology in Coimbatore and went on to do his MBA at the Indian Institute of Management-Lucknow. He joined the Indian Police Service (IPS) in the 2011 batch under the Karnataka cadre and served in Karnataka till 2020.

He launched 'We the Leaders' as a foundation in 2019-20, even before he joined active politics, and it focuses on organic farming, grassroot leadership, skilling and empowering through sports. With Mr. Annamalai inviting those interested in his movement to register with 'We the Leaders', there were 13,17,808 registrations as of the afternoon of June 6.

In an address to the public on June 5, after quitting the BJP, Mr. Annamalai said he was inspired by the policies of former President of India A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. He said he would bring constructive politics that would be clean and no "permanent chair" for anyone, including him. "We will have to come out of cult politics. This will be common man politics," he said in an address on social media platforms.

He also announced the establishment of APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Ethics and Politics in Coimbatore to train and prepare people for political leadership. Mr. Annamalai is expected to field candidates in the local body elections in Tamil Nadu and participate in the 2029 general elections.

Besieged history

Beaufort Castle

A 12th-century hilltop castle has emerged as a key strategic flashpoint in Israel's war with Hezbollah in occupied southern Lebanon

Akul Baiju

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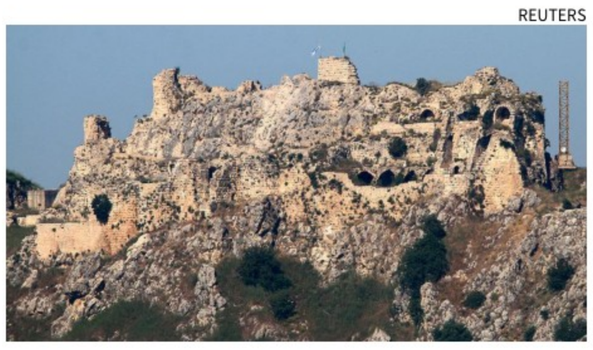

The Beaufort Castle sits right beside the Litani River in southern Lebanon, with an unobstructed view of northern Israel and the sweeping Beqaa valley. The 900-year-old structure, which literally means "beautiful fort" in Old French, has come under renewed spotlight after the Israeli military invasion on June 1.

Originally called Qalaat al-Shaqif, or the "Castle of the High Rock," Beaufort was built by European crusaders atop older fortifications in 1139. Invaded and besieged multiple times throughout its long history, the bastion has been at the centre of the Israel-Lebanon conflict and a pain point in the fragile ceasefire, announced by U.S. President Donald Trump on April 17.

In 1190, the stately structure was captured by Saladin, the first Sultan of Egypt and Syria, who used it as an important border outpost to strengthen his reign. Due to its military importance, the castle has changed hands frequently, with Crusaders (most famously the Knights Templar), Egyptian Mamluks, Ottomans, and the French all leaving their marks on it.

The Frankish Crusaders created its two-storey keep with an entry through the ground floor, unlike other forts of its time. Exposed stone staircases cut directly into the rock were built, forcing visitors and attackers to ascend in a single file on the highly exposed path.

The Mamluks added curved towers to defend against the firing of spherical stones. They inscribed Arabic victory messages into the front gates of the castle. The Ottoman takeover saw the repartitioning of the 15,000-square-metre area for logistical and residential usage. They built barracks and added slits in the fort walls for precise firing.

Internal politics led to many of the early constructions being mined and later restored using crude stone.

The French period saw the stripping away of Ottoman influence and attempts at restoring Crusader architecture. Beaufort has a sharp 300m drop on one side and the valley on the other, protecting it from enemy attacks. This vantage point is still used for military strikes, surveillance, and the deployment of weaponry.

The natural trench between the fortress and the fast-flowing Litani leads to the city of Nabatieh, an ancient centre for the trade of precious spices and commodities like Myrrh and Frankincense in its historical Souk el-Tanen market.

Caught in the war

The sand-battered behemoth is on track to become a UNESCO World Heritage Site and has been included on the country's 'tentative list.' November 2024 saw the global body granting it provisional enhanced protection under the 1954 Hague Convention.

During the 1970s, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) attacked Israel from the fort's ramparts. Underground bunkers and command centres were constructed, with some going as deep as 65m underground.

In 1982, Israel invaded Lebanon, seized the fortress from the PLO, and raised the 'blue and white' for the first time. This was a significant moment. Then Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon called the taking of Beirut a war that was "worth it" and rejected the allegations of it being "immoral."

The banner of Israel came down in 2000 when the Israelis blew up their bunkers and abandoned the castle, when they withdrew from Lebanon after 18 years of occupation. What followed was its opening to the public and years of restoration, with a brief pause in 2006 due to another Israeli invasion.

The 2026 invasion by Israel marks one of the most significant escalations in the conflict since the dawn of the millennium.

In March this year, Hezbollah fired rockets at Israel in retaliation for the U.S.-Israeli assassination of Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. In response, Israel launched massive air strikes which were followed by a ground invasion.

The U.S.-backed ceasefire is functionally defunct, with both sides launching attacks against each other. Israel wants to push Hezbollah out of southern Lebanon and keep the territory it has captured. Hezbollah says it would continue to fight as long as Israel continues the occupation of Lebanese land.

WASHINGTON

Iran 'still has 22%' of missiles left, says Trump as skirmishes continue

AFP

Iran still has "21, 22%" of its missiles left, U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday, amid a week marked by repeated violations of a truce between Iran, Israel and the U.S. "They still have capacity. They have some missiles, they have some drones. I would say, percentage wise, maybe 21, 22% of their missiles," Mr. Trump said.

SEOUL

North Korea's Kim showcases new warship ahead of Xi Jinping's visit

AP

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un observed trials of a new warship — the 5,000-ton destroyer *Kang Kon* — repaired after a failed launch last year and vowed to accelerate efforts to build a nuclear-armed Navy, state media said on Saturday, showcasing his expanding military capabilities ahead of a visit by Chinese leader Xi Jinping. AP

GENEVA

Ebola outbreak in Central Africa nears 500 confirmed cases: WHO

AP

Nearly 500 Ebola cases have been confirmed in the deadly outbreak raging in central Africa, according to the World Health Organization. WHO tallied 452 confirmed cases and 82 deaths, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where the outbreak was declared on May 15. In Uganda, it counted 19 confirmed cases, including two deaths. AFP

HAVANA

Cuban leader Raul Castro makes first appearance since U.S. charges

AP

Raul Castro, Cuba's low-profile former President, appeared in public for the first time since being indicted by the U.S for his alleged role in the 1996 downing of two civilian aircraft. Mr. Castro's celebration of his 95th birthday offered Cuba's government a chance to project defiance as the U.S. mounts pressure on the fuel-starved island. AP

Six charged in violent protest over student's death in U.K.

Associated Press
LONDON

British police said on Saturday that six more people have been charged with violent disorder at a protest over the stabbing death of a university student who was handcuffed by officers as he lay dying.

Police were pelted with chairs, cans, rocks and flares on Tuesday by some of the hundreds of people attending a protest in Southampton, where 18-year-old Henry Nowak was killed in December.

In total, police said, 11 people have been charged with disorder.

Nowak's killer, Vickrum Digwa, who is Sikh, falsely claimed to police that he was the victim of a racist assault by Nowak, who was white.

Digwa, 23, was convicted of murder for stabbing Nowak with a Sikh dagger and sentenced this week to life in prison.

PM criticises Vance

On Friday, Prime Minister Keir Starmer's office condemned comments by U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance, who blamed immigration for Nowak's death.

U.S. and Iran exchange strikes in the Gulf in latest escalation

Bahrain and Kuwait come under fire as Iran's Revolutionary Guards say they targeted 'enemy bases in the area' in response to a U.S. operation targeting the country's Goruk and Qeshm islands

Reuters
DUBAI/WASHINGTON

Iran launched a salvo of missiles at Bahrain and Kuwait on Saturday. This barrage occurred hours after the U.S. military said it struck Iranian coastal radar sites on Saturday after shooting down drones launched by Iran toward the Strait of Hormuz, in the latest escalation complicating efforts to end the war.

The U.S. military believed the four Iranian drones were targeting regional maritime traffic, a U.S. official said. U.S. Central Command said on X that the U.S. then struck Iran's surveillance sites in Goruk and Qeshm Island, both on the Strait of Hormuz.

Iran's Foreign Ministry said the U.S. action broke an April 8 ceasefire, adding that such repeated violations showed Washington had no intention of reducing tensions. It warned that the United States would bear responsibility for the consequences of its "illegal actions".

People ride past a billboard depicting Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in Tehran on Saturday. REUTERS

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said they had attacked 'enemy U.S. bases' in Kuwait and Bahrain in retaliation for U.S. strikes and fired at four tankers trying to cross the strait without its permission.

The Guards said the group targeted the Ali Al Salem air base, which hosts U.S. forces in Kuwait, and the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet in Bahrain, according to the state-run IRNA news agency. The U.S. military said there were no reports of harm to U.S. personnel.

Kuwait's Army said on Saturday it engaged seven ballistic missiles that passed over residential areas, resulting in material damage but no casualties. Earlier in the week, Iranian drones heavily damaged a passenger terminal at Kuwait's main airport, killing one person and wounding dozens.

In Bahrain, sirens sounded and residents were urged to seek shelter.

Kuwait and Bahrain condemned the strikes.

Iran later said it had hit U.S. bases in both countries with ballistic missiles, but the U.S. military said six missiles were intercepted and a seventh did not reach its target.

The U.S. and Iran have been engaged in largely indirect negotiations for an interim deal to halt the three-month-old war that would leave issues including Iran's nuclear programme to further negotiations. But a deal has remained elusive as the two sides have periodically skirmished.

Tehran wants access to billions of dollars in oil revenue, waivers on sanctions on crude exports, the lifting of a U.S. blockade on its ports and leverage over the Strait of Hormuz.

Iran has effectively blocked the waterway, where about a fifth of global oil traffic transited before the war.

Pakistan Minister visit

Iranian state media reported that Mohsin Naqvi, the Interior Minister of Pakistan, which has been mediating an end to the conflict, arrived in Tehran on Saturday for talks with Iranian officials including Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi.

(With inputs from The Associated Press)

Israeli forces kill Palestinian baby in occupied West Bank

Associated Press
HEBRON

Israeli troops killed a seven-month-old Palestinian baby boy after firing at his parents' vehicle in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian Health Ministry said on Saturday.

Sam Fahd Abu Haikal was killed on Friday evening, and his parents were wounded while driving in the Tel Rumeida area south of Hebron City, according to the Ministry.

The official Palestinian news agency WAFA said the baby was critically wounded after being struck in the face by the same bullet that injured his mother. He later died of his injuries.

His father, Fahd Abu Haikal, a lecturer at Bethlehem University, was shot in the hand. They were travelling from Bethlehem to visit family in Hebron when soldiers opened fire, the agency reported.

The Israeli military said on Friday soldiers shot at a vehicle that was perceived to be accelerating toward them in the Hebron area. An initial inquiry found that the wounded were uninvolved civilians and the situation is under review.

Fahd Abu Haikal, left, takes a last look at his seven-month-old baby who was killed by Israeli soldiers in Tel Rumeida, West Bank. AP

At Al-Ahly Hospital in Hebron, the baby's father said that a bullet struck the car's wind shield before piercing his right hand, then his son and wife who were in the back seat. Another bullet struck the vehicle's hood, according to locals at the scene.

His wife is in critical condition because there's shrapnel close to her heart, he said.

The funeral service was held at noon at a nearby mosque. The tiny body was wrapped in the Palestinian flag as people lined up for prayers before taking him in an ambulance for burial.

The British Consulate in Jerusalem said it was "shocked and saddened" by the Israeli killing of the baby, calling on X for an "immediate and transparent investigation and accountability."

Seven killed in Gaza

In the Gaza Strip, Israeli strikes killed seven people on Saturday, medical sources and the territory's civil defence said.

In Gaza City, a drone strike killed six people and wounded 15 others in the Jawazat camp for displaced people. The city's Al-Shifa Hospital also reported receiving six bodies.

Further south, a 25-year-old man was killed in the morning in a strike on a tent, the civil defence said.

The strike had hit his tent on the roof of his house, just before he was due to get married later in the day, a family member said.

(With inputs from AFP)

Taiwan accuses China of escalating pressure with sea operations

Reuters
TAIPEI

Taiwan said on Saturday that a Chinese coast guard ship and a survey ship had carried out the first coordinated operation to "provoke" Taiwan, in waters around strategically located islands in the South China Sea.

The Taiwan-controlled Pratas Islands have emerged as a new pressure point in China's ongoing military and quasi-military operations around Taiwan in an effort to assert Beijing's sovereignty claims.

Taiwan's coast guard said in a statement that along with a Chinese coast guard ship that had approached the Pratas on Friday, a Chinese oceanographic survey vessel approached the islands on Saturday. "This is the first observed instance of Chinese coast guard and survey vessels acting in coordination to provoke Taiwan," it said.

"These acts are highly provocative. The PRC [People's Republic of China] is a sick bully, causing trouble across the region," Taiwan National Security Council Secretary-General Joseph Wu wrote on his X account.

The Chinese coast guard vessel broadcast that it was conducting law enforcement operations and that "Taiwan's future lies in national reunification", said Taiwan's coast guard, which dispatched its own vessels in response.

Ukraine targets St. Petersburg again after Putin rejects meet

Associated Press
SAINT PETERSBURG

Residents of St. Petersburg were told not to leave their homes after a large-scale Ukrainian drone attack targeted Russia's second-largest city on the final day of the country's flagship economic forum in Saint Petersburg, officials said on Saturday.

The attack came a day after Russian President Vladimir Putin refused an offer to meet his Ukrainian counterpart.

St. Petersburg Goveror Alexander Beglov said three people sustained minor injuries in the attack. Russia's Defence Ministry said its air defences shot down 376 Ukrainian drones.

"Last night, our drones covered a distance of about

Vladimir Putin

1,000 kilometres to the St. Petersburg region – to the enemy navy's arsenals and a base in Kronstadt," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote on X, adding that drones also hit an oil depot in Russia's southern Krasnodar region.

Speaking at the Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) – an event dubbed "Russia's Davos" – Mr. Putin on Friday rejected a proposal by Mr. Zelenskyy for a face-to-face meeting on the 4-year-old conflict, saying he sees "no point" in it.

Responding to Mr. Putin's dismissal of the proposed meeting, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said on Saturday that things would "only get worse for Russia."

"Failures will get more humiliating," he wrote on X, warning that there are "no safe places in Russia that can be exempt" from Ukrainian long-range attacks.

In Ukraine, one person was killed and three wounded overnight into Saturday in the Dnipropetrovsk region, as Russian forces struck three districts, authorities said.

Trump urges new acting intel chief to fire employees

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday he wants his incoming acting spy chief to start firing employees, deepening the controversy over the appointment of a man with no previous intelligence experience.

Bill Pulte, a Trump loyalist who heads the Federal Housing Finance Agency, was named by the Republican President on Tuesday as acting Director of National Intelligence.

"If he cut, I wouldn't mind that," Mr. Trump said, adding that the number of employees in Mr. Pulte's office had been "way too high for way too long."

Mr. Trump had earlier said in an interview with the *Wall Street Journal* that he wanted Mr. Pulte – who will oversee the 18 sprawling U.S. intelligence agencies – to slash employee numbers.

"I'd like to see it smaller. I think there are a lot of people in there that shouldn't be there," Mr. Trump told the newspaper, citing holdouts from administrations of [Joe] Biden and [Barack] Obama.

Targeting opponents

Democrats have condemned Mr. Pulte's appointment to replace Tulsi Gabbard as intel chief, pointing to the loyalist's history of weaponising government records against Mr. Trump's opponents.

Mr. Trump has tried to quell the row, insisting that Mr. Pulte will only be in the job as a stopgap and saying on Friday that he had recently interviewed five people for the post.

But Mr. Trump told the *WSJ* that could also give Mr. Pulte leeway to gut the U.S. intelligence community.

Mr. Trump suggested on Thursday that Mr. Pulte would also investigate "rigged elections," doubling down on his unfounded claims about voting stemming from his 2021 election loss.

Mr. Trump's appointment of Mr. Pulte has also added to the President's growing rift with Republican lawmakers.

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On-line tender on EPC-Turnkey basis is invited for the following work :

Sl No.	Name of Work	Bid Identification No.	Approx. Value of work	Bid Security/ EMD (through on-line transfer /as mentioned in DTCN (in Rs.)	Period of Completion	Availability of Tender (on-line)	Seek Clarification
01	Construction of Sono Barrage Project across river Sono near village Dighi in the district of Mayurbhanj	OCCL-SCP/01/ 2026-27	Rs.283.14 Crore	Rs.2,83,14,000/-	36 (Thirty-Six) Calendar months	From 06.06.2026, 3.30 PM to 20.07.2026, 5.30 PM.	From 06.06.2026, 3.30 PM to 19.06.2026, 5.30 PM.

Procurement Officer : Managing Director, OCCL
Date of Opening of the Technical Bid : 21.07.2026, 12.00 Noon onwards.
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal : https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in

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1st Corrigendum

In continuation to this office order **No.2581, Dated.03.06.2026** and **Bid Identification No.CCERWCSBD-Online-03/2026-27** invited vide this office Notice **No.2063, Dtd.08.05.2026**, the partial modification of NCB has been made as follows :

1. Availability of Tender online for bidding Extended up to **Dtd.24.06.2026 at 5.00 PM**
2. Last Date and Time of seeking tender clarification **Dtd.23.06.2026 up to 2.00 PM**
3. Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid) on **Dtd.25.06.2026 at 11.00 AM**.
4. Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid) Will be intimated later

All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered.

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1.	Nature of work	: RCC Canal Lining Work
2.	Total no. of work	: 1 No.
3.	Tender Amount	: Rs.800.00 Lakhs (Approx.)
4.	Tender paper cost	: Rs.10,000/- (Non refundable)
5.	EMD required	: Rs.8,00,000.00
6.	Class of contractor	: 'A' & 'Special'
7.	Period of completion	: 12 (Twelve) Calendar months
8.	Online for bidding	: 09.06.2026 at 10.00 hrs. to 23.06.2026 up to 17.30 hrs.
9.	Date & time of opening of Tender (Technical bid)	: 24.06.2026 at 11.30 hrs.

Other terms and conditions can be seen from the Govt. website "**www.tendersodisha.gov.in**".
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Posing queries: A participant asking a question during a session at The Hindu Huddle in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

Selfie session: Manoj Bajpayee, actor, taking a selfie with attendees in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Paying close attention: Delegates listening to a session at the sixth edition of The Hindu Huddle on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Dr. Nirmala Lakshman, Chairperson, The Hindu Group, and former Union Minister Jayanthi Natarajan, and others. K. MURALI KUMAR

Panel discusses need to combat doping in sports

Sports forum: K. Kunal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Sports; Anjali Bhagwat, former world number 1 shooter; and Ashwini Nachappa, Olympian; with K.C. Vijaya Kumar, Sports Editor, *The Hindu*. K. MURALI KUMAR

Achal Ashwin
BENGALURU

Eradicating the menace of doping and age-fraud must be a priority to set the Indian sports ecosystem right, panellists at a session of The Hindu Huddle emphasised.

Former international track star Ashwini Nachappa explained that a holistic approach must be taken to tackle doping offences. "Just punishing athletes who are caught doping is not enough. The federations need to play a bigger role," Ms. Ashwini said in a session titled "India 2036: The making of a sporting nation" hosted by K.C. Vijaya Kumar, Sports Editor, *The Hindu*.

K. Kunal, Joint Secretary, Sports Development, Union Ministry of Sports, stated that strict measures would be enforced to punish all parties involved in doping. "We want to criminalise doping. This applies to the entire doping system – those who provide the substances to athletes, the middlemen and all others," Mr. Kunal said.

Anjali Bhagwat, a pioneer of rifle shooting, spoke eloquently on competing at a time when her sport was considered niche. "In my era, only people who knew about shooting appreciated my performances. Now with social media, every small shooting competition reaches the entire country...," she said.

With India making a strong bid to host the 2036 Olympics, Ms. Anjali underlined the need to first focus on grassroots development. "We have to start our work from the grass root level before we think of the Olympics. We need to transform our population into sports enthusiasts," Ms. Anjali said.

Politician Vijay is more powerful than actor Vijay, says TVK Minister Arunraj

He attributes party's electoral success to charismatic leadership of Vijay and TVK's ideological grounding; the Minister says the party's internal assessments indicated strong support for Vijay, particularly in urban areas and its social media presence was largely organic and decentralised

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

Behind the win: Dr. K.G. Arunraj, Minister for Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare of Tamil Nadu, with Ramya Kannan, Chief of Bureau, Tamil Nadu, *The Hindu*, in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Politician Vijay is more powerful than actor Vijay, and the combination of charisma and ideology is what transformed the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) into a political force, Dr. K.G. Arunraj, Minister for Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare in the TVK government, said at the The Hindu Huddle here on Saturday.

At a session titled "New mandate for change - a Gen Z aspiration story", Dr. Arunraj reflected on the TVK's sweeping victory in the recent Tamil Nadu Assembly election, the party's strategy, and its ideological foundation and future course.

Beginning the discussion, Dr. Arunraj spoke about his connection with *The Hindu*, dating back to his UPSC preparation days. "Ask any civil services aspirant and one of the first things they will hear is – read *The Hindu*. I started my civil services preparation years ago when I was posted as a medical officer in a remote village in Krishnagiri. Back then, while preparing for the UPSC, I used to get *The Hindu* from Hosur because it was not available in Krishnagiri," he said.

On the TVK's poll success, he said there were both obvious and less obvious reasons. "This electoral success, this strong foundation was laid when the party grew from a budding outfit into a primary force in Tamil Nadu. It was not a fluke. It was the courage of our political leader," he said.

"The success rested on two pillars – the charismatic leadership of our leader, Vijay, and TVK's ideological grounding," he said. "Tamil Nadu has been ruled by two well-established parties for the last 60 years, and then a freshER takes on both parties and unseats them. Vijay took the bold step of entering politics. TVK is beyond a fan base."

The people of Tamil Nadu, he said, had been waiting for "a truly universal leader" and the TVK's internal assessments had consistently indicated strong support for Vijay, particularly in urban areas.

On DMK's defeat

He argued that the defeat of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam was significant not only because it lost power but also because it lost the support of its allies. "This is a truly secular alliance, an ideological alliance. DMK has never ever won an election without its allies. So this mandate, even if it is one seat short of a majority, is the best mandate we can imagine," he said.

On the role played by young voters, Dr. Arunraj said Gen Z supporters had been at the forefront of the TVK's campaign, but the party's success could not be attributed solely to a youth movement. "It was a family revolution. People of Tamil Nadu worked in families with TVK. Not just Gen Z, our leader was emotionally connected to each family," he said, adding that the TVK's social media presence was largely organic and decentralised.

Karur stampede

To questions about the tragic stampede in Karur, where lives were lost during a TVK rally, Dr. Arunraj said the case was with the CBI and a report was yet to come. But the incident had shattered Vijay, he said.

"They are not just voters, they are part of his family. What happened in Karur really shattered, broke him. Our leader wanted to return to Karur and meet affected families but was advised against it because of security concerns," the Minister said.

On the government's distinctive style, including Mr. Vijay wearing a suit in the Assembly, he said, "This is a refreshing change. That's what many people say. Ultimately, our performance matters, not the looks."

Regional parties assert influence in politics guided by national interest

Ravi Reddy
BENGALURU

Leaders of the regional parties have asserted that these parties continue to play a decisive role in shaping India's political landscape and insist that their choices are rooted in national interest rather than opportunism.

On the concluding day of The Hindu Huddle on Saturday, Rajya Sabha members Javed Ali Khan (Samajwadi Party), Santrupt Misra (Biju Janata Dal) and former BRS Parliamentary Party leader K.R. Suresh Reddy, in conversation with Nistula Hebbar, Political Editor, *The Hindu,* in one voice said there had been growing influence of regional parties.

Javed Ali Khan, Samajwadi Party MP; Santrupt Misra, BJD MP; Nistula Hebbar, Political Editor, *The Hindu;* and K.R. Suresh Reddy, former BRS parliamentary leader, on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Issue-based positions

Mr. Reddy, a senior politician with three decades of political stints as an MLA and MP, maintained that his party believed in neutrality and issue-based positions. "We are neither with UPA nor NDA. Our stand depends on national interest. The BRS opposed the Kisan Bill but supported demonetisation. We opposed the Waqf Bill. The stance is not political or ideological but fundamentally based on the larger interest of the country," the former Speaker of united Andhra Pradesh said.

He defended Telangana's statehood demand pointing out that what did not happen in 65 years has happened in the past 10 years. "From a drought-stricken region, it is today the country's most prosperous State. Our demand for a separate State was on grounds of water, funds, and jobs," Mr. Reddy said crediting the BRS regime for the overall development.

First-time Rajya Sabha member Santrupt Misra echoed the sentiment of Mr. Reddy and Mr. Javed Ali, stating that the growing influence of the regional parties was evident in how the BJD had performed and secured 182 Lok Sabha seats between 1999 and 2024.

He went on to caution against double standard in coalition politics, pointing out that if a national party aligns with a regional party to form a government, it is seen as pragmatic. "But if I, as a regional party close to people's issues, choose to align based on national interest, I am accused of being politically convenient," he said.

Mr. Misra cited Odisha's transformation under Naveen Patnaik as proof of issue-based leadership. "From a bankrupt State in 2000, it became revenue surplus in 2024 because he was not serving BJD's interest but the people's interest," he said.

On simultaneous polls

On the proposal for simultaneous elections, he sought caution, saying: "The first five elections were simultaneous. The question is whether it strengthens or weakens democracy, whether local issues get neglected, whether Assembly terms get reduced. Every national issue that impacts the Constitution and people's lives must be debated in detail."

Mr. Reddy supported simultaneous elections. "Constant elections are not in the larger interest of the nation. Like Odisha, which voted one party to Parliament and another to the State, we are confident of the electorate," he said.

Mr. Javed Ali took a dig at the Congress saying that it is now reduced to a regional party, though they are their allies.

"We are a regional party in terms of Election Commission, but a national party in terms of ideology," he said.

AI will reshape jobs, but the bigger task is skilling, say industry veterans

Jyoti Banthia
Siddhi Patil
BENGALURU

The debate around artificial intelligence has largely been framed around a single question: will it take away jobs?

But industry veterans at The Hindu Huddle argued that India risks missing a far more important conversation – how to redesign education, skilling, research, and businesses for an AI-led future.

The panel, moderated by Raghuvir Srinivasan, *businessline* Editor, brought together Lakshmi Narayanan, former Cognizant CEO; Debjani Ghosh, former NASSCOM president and NITI Aayog distinguished fellow; and B. Santhanam, former Saint-Gobain India chairman.

For Ms. Ghosh, the current narrative around AI-driven job losses is often misplaced. "A lot of the displacements till now were due to overhiring during the pandemic. So it was correction that was happening," she said, pushing back against the view that AI is already eliminating large numbers of jobs.

That does not mean the risks are insignificant. "The entry-level will definitely get disrupted. And that is important because that's millions of people in India and millions of youngsters in India," Ms. Ghosh said.

Tech focus: Debjani Ghosh, former NASSCOM president and NITI Aayog distinguished fellow; Lakshmi Narayanan, former Cognizant CEO; B. Santhanam, former Saint-Gobain India chairman; and Raghuvir Srinivasan, *businessline* Editor. K. MURALI KUMAR

'Redesign work'

The challenge, she argued, is not to resist AI but to redesign work around it. Rather than viewing jobs as fixed roles, employers and policymakers need to break them down into tasks and identify the areas that can be automated and those which continue to require human judgment.

That future, she said, will be defined by what she called the "human sandwich model". "You need the humans to frame the questions and inputs, AI does the work, and then you need humans again at the end to verify the outcome," she said.

While India has emerged as one of the world's largest digital markets, Ms. Ghosh warned that being a consumer of technology is not the same as creating value from it.

"If you look at the 17.6 trillion prediction of how much value AI will create in the next five years, 80% of that is going to two countries, the U.S. and China. For India, we should at least aspire to get 10% of that," she said.

Mr. Santhanam, however, believes India's biggest opportunity may not lie in competing head-on with Silicon Valley's frontier models. Instead, he argued that the country can create disproportionate impact through the diffusion of AI across sectors such as agriculture, education and healthcare. "The most important work is in diffusion in these three areas – agriculture, education and health. That's where I think AI can do what humans cannot do," he said.

Mr. Narayanan echoed concerns about India's preparedness, particularly in education and research. Asked whether Indian colleges are producing graduates ready for the AI era, his answer was blunt. "The short answer is no."

India has historically excelled at adopting and scaling technologies, he said, but has underinvested in the invention and research that drive technological leadership. "We are not investing enough in research. The blame goes to the private sector," he said.

He argued that while India is comfortable with diffusion, it needs far stronger capabilities in innovation and research if it hopes to play a meaningful role in shaping the next wave of AI.

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Women MPs introspect on structural inequality, political representation

'Visibility is not equality, symbolism is not power,' says Sagarika Ghose; panellists discuss delimitation Bill and women's reservation Bill, noting that the significance of women's votes has not translated into greater political representation; urge political parties to field more women candidates

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
BENGALURU

Bridging the gap: Aparajita Sarangi, BJP MP; Sagarika Ghose, Trinamool Congress MP; and Thamizhachi Thangapandian, DMK MP; in conversation with T.M. Veeraraghav, senior journalist, in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Emphasising the need to create hospitable spaces for the participation of ordinary and extraordinary women in public life, women politicians on Saturday felt that the concept of a glass ceiling was flawed.

"It is a labyrinth. Let us not confuse visibility with equality, symbolism with power," said Sagarika Ghose, Trinamool Congress MP.

Aparajita Sarangi from the BJP, Thamizhachi Thangapandian from the DMK and Ms. Ghose were in conversation with senior journalist T.M. Veeraraghav on "Glass ceiling shattered: women leaders shaping Parliament" on the concluding day of The Hindu Huddle in Bengaluru.

On the delimitation Bill

The leaders dissected the reasons surrounding the historically marginalised participation of women and the impact of deep-rooted patriarchy. They also debated the delimitation Bill and its linkage to the women's reservation Bill. While Ms. Sarangi appealed to everyone to shun the attitude of Opposition towards the step taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Ms. Ghose asked if the Indian electorate truly wanted to spend on sending 800 members to the Lok Sabha. All the panellists opined that though women's votes had assumed more significance than ever before, it had not reflected in an increased political representation for them.

"This is not a men versus women issue. It is our collective responsibility to see that the glass ceiling breaks," Ms. Sarangi said. In a deeply engaging session, the leaders quoted thinkers from Aristotle and Pythagoras to Mahatma Gandhi and Maya Angelou, emphasising the need for a change in social attitude.

Ms. Thamizhachi said the social culture needed to change, adding that India continued to have a "sun-worshipping and son-worshipping culture". They said the parties should give more ticket to women.

The leaders said the culture in the region was full of examples of "female accession to male martyrdom". Ms. Ghose observed that her party was the only one to have bucked the trend in South Asia where several women leaders had been seen inheriting the male martyrdom. She highlighted that while other parties had little representation of women, the Trinamool had 37% elected representatives.

'Thick layer of men'

Ms. Thamizhachi spoke of the unique and progressive culture of Tamil Nadu, adding that the history of the Self-Respect Movement had given space to women to look at the world for themselves.

"In the less travelled arena too, Tamil Nadu had the first woman priestess," she said. Quoting Laura Liswood, she said, "There's no such thing as a glass ceiling for women. It's just a thick layer of men."

The MPs expressed regret that after several years of Independence, the number of women representatives in Parliament has not crossed the 100 mark. Of the 543 MPs in the Lok Sabha, only 74 are women. India ranks 147th globally for women's representation in its lower parliamentary house.

"We are below Rwanda, Sweden. This is despite India ratifying a treaty way back in 1979 about non-discrimination against women," Ms. Sarangi said.

Ms. Ghose said that what women faced in several fields was not the "glass ceiling", but the "glass club".

"The club where men informally meet after 10 p.m. to sit with a glass. A lot of informal discussion takes place there. That is the glass club. And women are inherently excluded because they have to go back home to tend to the household, to look after the children. This is a structural issue," she said.

Artistic take: Abhishek Poddar, art collector; artists Seema Kohli and Shilo Shiv Suleman; and Narayan Lakshman, Opinion Editor, *The Hindu*, and Curator, The Hindu Huddle, in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

Memories, medium, or message? Art as a mirror

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

"Artists are not just mirrors but actually makers of the world," said award-winning artist Shilo Shiv Suleman at The Hindu Huddle, in a session titled "Memories, medium, or message? Art as a mirror to a world in transition", moderated by Narayan Lakshman, Opinion Editor, *The Hindu*, and Curator, The Hindu Huddle.

Ms. Suleman, who shared the stage with artist Seema Kohli and art collector Abhishek Poddar at this session, spoke at some length about her work with the Fearless Collective, which was founded in 2012 in response to the protests that raged through Delhi in the aftermath of the Nirbhaya rape and murder that same year. "When I went for my first-ever protest, I felt this wave of rage and power and beauty. Simultaneously, many of the stories we were seeing in the newspapers were rooted in fear. It felt like we needed a counter-force," she recalls, describing the genesis of the collective, which "began in protest and turned into a flood of beauty".

Delving into the vision, impact, and future of the Fearless Collective, which has so far painted multiple murals in 25 countries, she concludes that its "power really comes alive in moments of fear and trauma". Art, in these kinds of situations, she believes, is not only beautiful and transformative but also deeply subversive "because it does not speak the same language that traditional activism does".

Life and practice

The significance of art was explored in various ways, with the panellists offering their perspectives in response to Dr. Lakshman's opening question. "When societies undergo profound change, they do more than pass laws, build institutions and develop technologies. They tell stories about themselves...remember, understand, create meaning," he said, adding that it is at this point that art enters the conversation. Alluding to the session's title, whether art is about the memories, the medium, or the message and clarifying that he is not attempting to set up an artificial distinction between them, he asked the panellists, "Between these three dimensions – memory, medium or message – if you had to pick one that resonates most closely with your life and practice, what would it be?"

For Ms. Kohli, "Art becomes a memory. I really tap into the conscious, subconscious and unconscious or even layers under. That is the way I go into it; a very simple dialogue I have with myself," she said.

For Mr. Poddar, however, "It is really meaning more than anything else... For me, artists have also lived on the edge of society, being able to, through their work, say stuff that people like you and me are not easily able to say. That is the importance that I look for in art."

Other aspects of art that were discussed by the panellists included: the role of art institutions, how art must respond to a shifting socio-political landscape, whether it is inherently elitist, its power to shape collective opinion, and how it can create a middle ground in a deeply polarised world.

A light-hearted take on AI and films: Manoj Bajpayee wants an image makeover

Vivek M.V.
BENGALURU

In a lively session at The Hindu Huddle on Saturday, actor Manoj Bajpayee engaged the packed hall with his wit and wisdom. In the middle of his conversation with Rohit Khilnani, journalist and talk show host, the seasoned actor got off the stage to take selfies with members of the crowd.

The light-hearted banter was intended to break his image of a "serious individual". "I don't know when I went from Manoj to Manoj sir to Manoj*ji*. I have a 15-year-old inside me waiting to express," he said.

In the session titled "Bhiku Mhatre to Srikant Tiwari: three decades of reinvention", the actor responded to issues concerning the film industry, but began on a nostalgic note, talking about his iconic character Bhiku Mhatre from Ram Gopal Varma's *Satya* (1998).

"It was a time when I was struggling for roles. I was going hungry and looking for people who could give me a place to sleep. I jumped into the character like a hungry tiger," he recollected.

Speaking on the advent of artificial intelligence, Mr. Bajpayee said, "The fear of AI is coming from the right place because it is attempting to create alternatives to actors. At the same time, I am in favour of technological developments. There are advantages of AI as well. Post-production costs have come down. However, you cannot recreate human experience. The real-time performance is always authentic."

Always popular: Manoj Bajpayee in conversation with Rohit Khilnani, journalist and host, in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

For someone who rose through the ranks with offbeat films, Mr. Bajpayee said unconventional and independent movies in India deserved better treatment. "You talk about Satyajit Ray in foreign countries, and people value you. Many of our filmmakers, like Shyam Benegal, Shekhar Kapur, Anurag Kashyap, and Kanu Behl, are respected in several countries. People stand up and applaud their work. The same filmmakers are struggling to make movies in their own country, and that is sad."

He added, "Independent and offbeat movies must get better budgets. These films need to get more shows. I see so many tentpole movies, despite unfavourable reviews and less footfall taking several screens and shows, affecting the result of another worthy movie."

Upcoming movie

Mr. Bajpayee will next be seen in *Governor*, a film based on the 1990 Indian economic crisis. Set to release on June 12, the movie will see Mr. Bajpayee playing former Reserve Bank of India Governor S. Venkitaramanan. Mr. Bajpayee was asked about his collaboration with Vipul Shah, who produced the controversial *The Kerala Story* movies. Mr. Shah is also the producer of *Governor*.

"Vipul Shah is an experienced producer. *The Kerala Story* got people to theatres, but it was also controversial. But *Governor* is a story we all agree on. It is not political," Mr. Bajpayee said. "The story tracks the time when India was in a financial crisis. Today's generation needs to know that India didn't always have Pepsi, Coke, and mobile phones. India was standing on the verge of bankruptcy."

Complex roles

Known for revelling in complex roles, Mr. Bajpayee admitted he wanted to move away from serious characters and have "fun on screen".

"I do a lot of research and dive deep into a complex character. But I fear that I will continue to get only such roles. I am a bit tired of this kind of process. I want to dress well, sing songs, and chill on the sets," he signed off.

Closing track: Former diplomat Nirupama Rao performs with Sri Lankan pianist Soundarie David Rodrigo at The Hindu Huddle on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Former diplomat renders evocative performance to end the event on a musical high

Anagha Maareesha
BENGALURU

The Hindu Huddle concluded after two days of dialogues and sessions on topics ranging from politics and AI, to sports and cinema. The closing session witnessed an evocative musical performance by Nirupama Rao, former Foreign Secretary, titled "Counterpoint: a life in diplomacy, poetry and music".

The former diplomat was accompanied by Sri Lankan pianist Soundarie David Rodrigo. Ms. Rodrigo is a musician, who is on the panel of Sri Lanka's Got Talent and is also part of a choir called Soul Sounds.

The songs that Ms. Rao performed with Ms. Rodrigo included Bob Dylan's *Farewell Angelina*, *Beautiful Dreamer* by Stephen Foster, *Smile* by Charlie Chaplin, and *Dream a Little Dream* by Fabian Andre and Wilbur Schwandt.

"There are many ways to tell the stories of life. One can tell them through days and milestones, places lived and positions held. As a diplomat, I spent life dealing with stories of nations. But when I look back today at my own journey, I remember songs. This evening is a musical memoir of sorts. The songs are not my favourites. They are songs that have stayed with me. The songs tonight speak of the journeys we undertake both outwards and inwards."

'Enduring constants of my life'

Ms. Rao, who is also the founder of South Asian Symphony Foundation (SASF), added, "As the daughter of an Indian Army officer, I grew up moving from one corner of India to another, learning early that home could be many places. Later, diplomacy took me across the world – to Beijing, Colombo, Lima, Moscow, Washington and beyond. Music has been enduring constants of my life."

The songs in the programme were not linked by any genre or period. The show had Broadway tunes, American jazz classics and folk songs. "What unites them is that each evokes a memory, a place, a person or a moment in time. Together, they form the soundtrack of a life lived across cultures and continents," he said.

She began her performance with *Beautiful Dreamer*, an 1864 song by American songwriter Stephen Foster. The performance took the audience around the globe, with songs by Welsh dramatist Ivor Novello, Charlie Chaplin, and John Turner. One of the numbers she sang was *Smile*, a track composed by Charlie Chaplin for his 1936 film *Modern Times*, a movie whose themes still echo and ring true today. The lyrics, written by John Turner and Geoffrey Parsons, hint towards smiling and having hope for a better tomorrow.

The Broadway number *Something Wonderful* by composer duo Richard Rodgers and lyricist Oscar Hammerstein II was a classic track about love and understanding.

Blend of music and diplomacy

The performance took the gathering on a journey across the globe and Ms. Rao stressed on how music comes to one's aid in times of tension and diplomacy. Music is a language one can trust, she said, and called it the last act of diplomacy.

The last song she performed was Bob Dylan's *Farewell Angelina* famously recorded by singer Joan Baez. The haunting song is about an uncertain world in turmoil, and seemed fitting to The Huddle's theme of 'A World in Transition'. Ms. Rao's soulful vocals with Ms. Rodrigo's piano tunes made for a magical performance. With that, The Hindu Huddle came to a poetic end.

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MENTAL MATHS

I was not sure if the final day would go my way: Praggnanandhaa

NORWAY CHESS

R. Praggnanandhaa said that winning the Norway Chess tournament was special. "I was not sure it would go my way (on the final day). I still had to do it. I can't really say one specific game, but winning the tournament overall is more special for me," Praggnanandhaa said.

WINNING FEELING

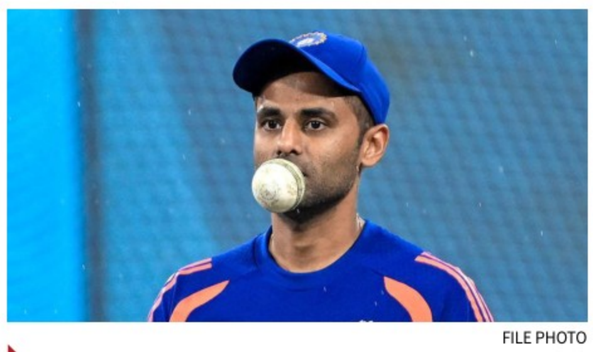
Vaishali emerges victorious in WR Chess rapid event

WR CHESS

World championship challenger R. Vaishali came up trumps in the WR Women's Chess Tour rapid event in Tokyo. The Indian defeated Irine Kharisma Sukandar (Indonesia), Alexandra Kosteniuk (Switzerland) and Alua Nurman (Kazakhstan) in the quarterfinals, semifinals and final respectively, each by a 1.5-0.5 scoreline.

GRACIOUS RESPONSE

Suryakumar wishes team, lauds Sooryavanshi on maiden call-up



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Suryakumar Yadav extended his support to the Indian team after he was removed as T20I captain and dropped from the squads for the tours of Ireland and England as well as the Asian Games. "Wishing this highly-skilled group all the best for the challenges ahead," he wrote on Instagram. He also praised Vaibhav Sooryavanshi.

WORTHY SUCCESSORS

Rohit all praise for Suryakumar and Shreyas' captaincy

FILE PHOTO

You have seen Surya lead India to the World Cup (triumph). Shreyas has been announced as the T20 captain. Looking at how he has captained his franchise in the last few years, he is going to have a good time as well — Rohit Sharma praising his successors Suryakumar Yadav and Shreyas Iyer.

Praggnanandhaa caps fairytale run with title win

The 20-year-old Grandmaster becomes the first Indian to clinch the coveted crown; overnight leader So settles for the second spot; Carlsen finishes fourth while Gukesh gets the wooden spoon

NORWAY CHESS

C. Shyam Sundar
OSLO

The usually quiet Deichman Bjorvika, a public library here, was a beehive of activity well past its working hours on Friday. The reason – an Indian player answering to the name R. Praggnanandhaa had done the unthinkable, winning a chess tournament featuring Magnus Carlsen – as rare as the Northern Lights in a southern hemisphere sky.

The 20-year-old from Chennai stormed to the title in sensational style after languishing in the last place after round six of the Open event in Norway Chess 2026. He won four classical games on the trot and his victims included Alireza Firouzja, the great Carlsen, Gukesh and Vincent Keymer.

In the process, he became the first Indian to win the prestigious title.

Praggnanandhaa was as clinical as one could get as he accounted for the best with an impressive display as was evidenced by his decimation of Keymer.

Amazing turnaround: Praggnanandhaa outwitted Firouzja, Carlsen, Gukesh and Keymer on the trot. FLICKR/NORWAYCHESS

He topped the leaderboard with 18 points, one ahead of American Wesley So, with his convincing win in the final round.

The Indian entered the game against Keymer needing to not only win but also hope that So didn't claim a victory in the classical against Firouzja. Fortune favours the brave and Praggnanandhaa outclassed his opponent to pick up three points. With So being held to a draw, another golden chapter was added to Indian chess.

While Praggnanandhaa came up with a special performance, his compatriot and World champion D. Gukesh's form was up-and-down. He finished with the wooden spoon after a last-round loss to Carlsen, who wound up fourth after an eminently forgettable outing.

The women's event saw Kazakhstan's Bibisara Assaubayeva slump to a defeat in her final outing after having clinched the title on Thursday (with a round to spare). China's Zhu Jiner had a strong finish to take the second spot ahead of the 2025 champion Anna Muzychuk.

India's Divya Deshmukh and Koneru Humpy suffered losses to finish fifth and sixth, respectively.

The results: 10th round:
Open: Alireza Firouzja (Fra, 15.5) lost to Wesley So (USA, 17) in Armageddon; Vincent Keymer (Ger, 11) lost to R. Praggnanandhaa (18); Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 13) bt D. Gukesh (8).
Women: Zhu Jiner (Chn, 16) bt Koneru Humpy (9); Ju Wenjun (Chn, 13.5) bt Bibisara Assaubayeva (Kaz, 16.5); Anna Muzychuk (Ukr, 15) bt Divya Deshmukh (10).
Final standings: Open: 1. Praggnanandhaa 18 points, 2. So 17, 3. Firouzja 15.5, 4. Carlsen 13, 5. Keymer 11, 6. Gukesh 8.
Women: 1. Assaubayeva 16.5, 2. Zhu 16, 3. Muzychuk 15, 4. Ju 13.5, 5. Divya 10, 6. Humpy 9.
(The writer is in Oslo at the invitation of Norway Chess).

Praggnanandhaa thrilled to prevail in a field featuring the elite players

C. Shyam Sundar
OSLO

R. Praggnanandhaa... the name is no more a tongue-twister. The chess world and fans have gotten used to it as the Indian Grandmaster just keeps winning and winning. Beating Magnus Carlsen in his own backyard in a tournament which he has dominated is no mean feat and he did it in style, winning four classical games in a row to surge to the top.

"Winning this is more special and Magnus was there. Here it's just the top players," he told the Indian media after beating Germany's Vincent Keymer in the 10th and final round to register a historic maiden triumph in Norway Chess 2026 at Deichman Bjorvika on Friday.

It may or may not be the biggest title of his career thus far, but his tournament win was a hugely popular one. He was swarmed by fans as the night wore on but managed to please them with autographs and pictures.

Popular champion: Praggnanandhaa was swarmed by the fans after his triumph. FLICKR/NORWAYCHESS

Carlsen was effusive in praise of the champion and said, "he won the last four classical games. That's as clutch as it gets. Pragg is an incredible fighter and it is fun to see him get rewarded for that." The World No. 1 lost both his classical games to the Indian GM.

Asked what was the reason for the turnaround after two losses in the middle of the tournament and being last after round six, Praggnanandhaa said: "I don't think I changed anything in particular. But the conscious effort of playing faster certainly helped me in my games. I had more time than my opponent in most of the games."

> The conscious effort of playing faster certainly helped me in my games

After a tepid run in the middle of the event, a phone call with his mother probably was the game-changer. Praggnanandhaa said he had spoken to her (on June 1) before the match against Alireza Firouzja and that she had told him 'It's a new month. You'll play well."

Play well... he really did.

Shreyas takes over from Suryakumar as T20I captain

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Shreyas Iyer will lead India into a fresh T20 World Cup cycle after replacing Suryakumar Yadav as T20I captain, while Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has earned a maiden national call-up following his explosive IPL campaign.

The senior national selection committee on Saturday picked squads for the forthcoming tours of Ireland and England, along with the Asian Games to be held in Japan in September-October. While the squad for two four-day A games in Sri Lanka was also announced, the squad for the three ODIs will be selected later this month. Shreyas joined the meeting virtually.

Suryakumar not only lost the captaincy but also his place in the squad altogether, with chief selector Ajit Agarkar admitting that the decision was influenced by both his prolonged lean patch and the need to build towards the next T20 World Cup in Australia and New Zealand in October-November 2028.

Shreyas thus returns to India's T20I set-up for the first time since December 2023, with his leadership credentials, strengthened by an impressive IPL captaincy record, proving decisive.

The selectors have also moved away from Axar Patel as vice-captain, elevating Tilak Varma as Shreyas' deputy. The biggest talking point beyond the leadership change remains Sooryavanshi. The teenage opener has been included as the 16th member for the Ireland and England assignments after Agarkar admitted that the youngster's performances "forced" the selectors to reward him with a national call-up.

Baptism by fire: Shreyas will hope to deliver after getting the captain's armband on his comeback. GETTY IMAGES

Besides Suryakumar, Rinku Singh, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah and Hardik Pandya are the other members of India's triumphant T20 World Cup squad missing from the set-up. While Bumrah has been rested for the European assignments, he is expected to spearhead India's bowling attack during the Asian Games campaign. Hardik will predominantly be utilised in the ODI format leading into next year's ODI World Cup.

The squads:

For Ireland and England T20Is: Shreyas Iyer (Capt.), Tilak Varma (Vice-capt.), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Shivam Dube, Nitish Kumar, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Varun Chakaravarthy, Ravi Bishnoi, Mohammed Siraj, Harshit Rana, Arshdeep Singh, Prince Yadav and Vaibhav Sooryavanshi.

The fixtures: vs Ireland: June 26 (Belfast) and June 28 (Belfast).
vs England: July 1 (Chester-le-Street), July 4 (Manchester), July 7 (Nottingham), July 9 (Bristol) and July 11 (Southampton).
For Asian Games: Shreyas (Capt.), Tilak (vc), Samson (wk), Abhishek, Kishan (wk), Dube, Axar, Washington, Nitish, Varun, Bishnoi, Rana, Arshdeep, Sooryavanshi and Bumrah.
The dates: Sept. 24 to Oct. 3 (Aichi, Japan).
India-A roster for Sri Lanka tour: Dhruv Jurel (Capt. & wk), Devdutt Padikkal (Vice-capt.), B. Sai Sudharsan, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Harsh Dubey, Saransh Jain, Gurnoor Brar, Auqib Nabi, Yash Thakur, Anshul Kamboj, N. Jagadeesan (wk), Zeeshan Ansari, Aman Mokhade, Shaik Rasheed and Ayush Pandey.
The fixtures: June 25-28 (Galle), July 2-5 (Galle).

Agarkar & Co. balance past and the future

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

India's transition towards the next T20 World Cup cycle formally began on Saturday with Shreyas Iyer replacing Suryakumar Yadav as captain and teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi earning a maiden call-up, decisions chief selector Ajit Agarkar suggested were driven equally by long-term planning and recent performances.

Shreyas' elevation marks a significant turnaround in fortunes for the Mumbai batter, who last featured in a T20I in December 2023 and had narrowly missed selection for the recent World Cup campaign. "We've seen what he has done over the last few years, leading different franchises," Agarkar said on Saturday. "He won [the IPL title] once, had a tougher season this year after a great start. He has seen everything that a captain possibly can. His own performances have been really good.

"He was quite close to getting into that T20 World Cup squad as well, but [with] Surya still there, there was no room for him. He was a stand-out candidate with enough experience now. This will obviously be a different challenge." The change simultaneously brings an abrupt end to Suryakumar's captaincy stint, and possibly international career. "With regards to Surya, obviously it's a tough one having just won the World Cup," Agarkar admitted. "But as it happens, after most World Cups, we try and reassess what the best way forward is.

Sooryavanshi.
FILE PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

"Partly his own form, but also looking at the next two-year cycle. We thought this was the best way forward."

The other headline, unsurprisingly, belonged to 15-year-old Sooryavanshi.

"He just has picked himself really," Agarkar said. "With his performances, he has almost forced us to pick him. It's not just this season. He obviously had a great start [to his IPL career] last season."

For India's selectors, Saturday's announcement was less about one squad and more about officially beginning another cycle.

Jaiswal replaces injured Kohli in India's ODI squad

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Yashasvi Jaiswal has replaced Virat Kohli in India's ODI squad for the forthcoming home series against Afghanistan beginning June 13, with the selectors hopeful that the 37-year-old's hamstring injury will heal in time for next month's tour of England.

Kohli suffered the setback during the Indian Premier League title decider on May 31 and underwent assessment after experiencing discomfort in his right hamstring. "With Virat at this point, it's just been less than a week since he injured himself in the final. We don't know the timelines yet," chief selector Ajit Agarkar said on Saturday.

"But it looks like he might be fit for the England one-day series. It's not a definitive answer, so don't hold me to it. I haven't had a clear timeline from the physio yet." With Kohli understood to have suffered a hamstring tear, recovery could take up to six weeks, making his availability for the ODI series in England – starting July 14 – uncertain.

While Ruturaj Gaikwad was expected to come in for the Afghanistan assignment after scoring a century during a rare outing in India colours, the selectors opted for Jaiswal, who has also been waiting for an extended run in the ODI format.

Jaiswal is hoping to get an extended run in 50-over cricket. FILE PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

Meanwhile, both Rohit Sharma and Hardik Pandya will undergo fitness assessments at BCCI's Centre of Excellence before joining the squad in Dharamshala ahead of the series opener. Hardik has been undergoing rehabilitation after sustaining an injury during Mumbai Indians' IPL campaign and is at the CoE on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

"Hardik will soon go for the final test, and he will be in the process of clearance," BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia said. "Rohit will visit the CoE in the next two to three days. We are awaiting the final fitness clearance."

Robinson. AP

Rain halts England's victory bid

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Ollie Robinson continued to prove a thorn in New Zealand's side, taking two wickets in quick succession, as England moved closer to victory in the first Test during what little play was possible at Lord's on Saturday.

Rain and bad light meant fewer than 10 overs were bowled on the third day.

But that was enough time for the 32-year-old Robinson to take two wickets for no runs in four balls as New Zealand slumped to 53 for five before adding two more runs prior to the tea break.

At 55 for five, the Black Caps needed 199 more runs to reach a victory target of 254 in what is the first of a three-match series and the 150th Test staged at Lord's.

The scores:
England 140 & 226 vs New Zealand 113 & 55/5 in 21.3 overs.

INBRIEF

Knicks hold off Spurs in the second game, take a 2-0 lead

Jalen Brunson drilled the go-ahead free throw as the New York Knicks held off a furious San Antonio rally to beat the Spurs 105-104 on Friday and take a commanding 2-0 lead in the NBA Finals. San Antonio star Victor Wembanyama missed a potential game-winner with two seconds remaining to leave the Spurs in need of an unprecedented comeback when the best-of-seven series shifts to New York for games three and four. No team has lifted the trophy after dropping the first two games of the Finals at home.

Boxers Minakshi and Deepak to lead India's charge

World No. 1 Minakshi and seasoned campaigner Deepak will spearhead India's challenge at the World Boxing Cup 2026 (Stage 2), scheduled at Guiyang (China) from June 15 to 21. This is a second-string Indian team comprising boxers who finished runners-up in the Commonwealth and Asian Games' trials.

The squad: Men: S. Rishi (50kg), Nikhil (55kg), Anmol (60kg), Abhinash Jamwal (65kg), Deepak (70kg), Malsawmtluanga (80kg), Jugnoo (85kg), Harsh Choudhary (90kg), G. Sawan (+90kg). **Women:** Minakshi (51kg), Poonam (54kg), Prachi (57kg), Mahi Lama (60kg), Saneh (65kg), G. Gitimoni (70kg), C. Sanamacha (75kg), Naina (80kg), Alfiya Tarannum (+80kg).

We have a group of fascinating players eager to earn glory for the country

The wunderkind says reigning Euro champion Spain is keen to carry its good form in the last two years into the World Cup; he doesn't believe in the 'favourite' tag as it doesn't help the team play better or score more goals; the 18-year-old wants to be the best version of himself

INTERVIEW

Lamine Yamal

Teen sensation Lamine Yamal spoke about a variety of topics related to the FIFA World Cup, including the "special" feeling ahead of his debut in the showpiece. *Excerpts:*

You are set for your FIFA World Cup debut at 18! How does that feel?

Obviously special! More so because we shall be going to the World Cup as the reigning Euro champion. We have so many young players who love to play exciting football. As a kid playing football, World Cup has always been a dream. I had closely followed the last two editions. Therefore, it will be my third World Cup, and I am a part of it – it seems unbelievable!

Is everything happening too early for you?

Not really. I take things as they come. I always wanted to be a footballer, and I did nothing except playing the game I love. So, whenever I get the opportunity, I play – whether it is for my club or the national team.

After being crowned World champion in 2010, Spain could not even progress to the quarterfinals in the next three editions. Will that change this year?

It's impossible to predict. But we are a group of fascinating players who want to give their all on the field to earn national glory. We played a near-perfect qualification round (five wins and a draw). We have hardly lost a match in the last two years or so. It says that we have been really consistent. We want to do the same in the World Cup.

Spain is considered to be one of the favourites. What are your thoughts?

I do not believe in these tags. Football is played on the field, not on paper. We were not considered to win the last Euro, but we won it. Now, people are saying that we are contenders. However, the tag does not help you play better or score more goals.

In Group H, it seems that you have only Uruguay as a major contender to top the pool...

You can never say so; each team deserves respect. How can one forget the Saudis beating Argentina in Qatar, in their first match? Facing Uruguay will be tough as always.

After the first round, there will be tougher opponents...

Well, I am not at all thinking about the knockouts. We have three matches in the group stage and we are only looking forward to those. It's always good to look at things in your hand.

Who would be your favourites for the crown?

There are quite a few like Argentina, France, Portugal and England. There are a few other teams as well. World Cup never ceases to surprise you.

You are already compared with Lionel Messi. Does it put more pressure on you?

I do not want to be the next Messi. I want to be myself. I do respect Messi for what he has achieved as a footballer. He is a phenomenon! But I really do not want to be the next Messi or for that matter [Cristiano] Ronaldo, [Kylian] Mbappe or Neymar Jr. I shall be happy if I can reach a level where people can name me after those legends.

(Professional Management Group).

Thrill-a-minute talent: Spain would hope that Yamal gets back to his menacing best once he returns to action. GETTY IMAGES

Lalwani, Ajith among 24 provisionally suspended

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Cricketer Bhupen Lalwani, weightlifter Ajith Narayana, who had won two bronzes in the recent Asian Championships in Gandhinagar, and wrestler Sahil Jaglan, who took part in Asian Games trials a few days ago, were among several athletes handed provisional suspension by NADA for failing dope tests.

Women's 1,500m National record-holder K.M. Deeksha was also handed provisional suspension after her dope sample was found to contain Stanozolol, a steroid.

The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) on Saturday issued a list of 24 athletes from various sports who have been handed provisional suspension as of June 3.

The five weightlifters who have been handed provisional suspension are Ajith, Vanshita Verma, Harcharan Singh, Heena, and S.B. Charukesh.

Meanwhile, 12 track and field athletes, including Deeksha, have been handed provisional suspension. The other 11 are Bhim Maan, Tamsi Singh, Sunil Kumar, Adetya Singh, Sandeep, Punit, Reshma, Soni Devi, Aryan Tyagi, Harish Yadav, and Pooja Kumari.

SNAPSHOTS

Marc claims Hungarian MotoGP sprint
Ducati's Marc Marquez won the sprint race at the Hungarian MotoGP on Saturday, converting his pole position into a commanding victory at the Balaton Park circuit.

Nettakallappa and Basavanagudi are champions
BENGALURU: Nettakallappa Aquatic Centre and Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre emerged the men's and women's water polo champions respectively at the NRJ State senior championship on Saturday.

Hindustan Friends beats Coorg Blues
Hindustan Friends beat Coorg Blues 2-0 in the KSHA Super Division Hockey League Championship on Saturday.
The results:
Karnataka Forest Department 2 (Aron 6, Darshan 41) drew with Bengaluru Blues 2 (Senthil 15, 36).
Hindustan Friends 2 (M. Kumar Dhushal 12, Y. Anand 15) bt Coorg Blues Hockey Club 0.

Big win for Swastic Union
Andrea Lobo made 96 as Swastic Union hammered Wilson Garden by 118 Runs in the KSCA senior women's T20 tournament.
The scores:
Vijaya, Malur 35 in 13.1 overs lost to Coles 36/0 in 3.2 overs.
Palar, Kolar 246/5 in 20 overs (Vrinda 65, B.G. Tejashwini 44) bt Minerva 53/9 in 20 overs.
FUCC (1) 200/3 in 20 overs (Krishika Reddy 45, K. Chandasi 89) bt Young Lions Club 90/6 in 20 overs (Pranathi 48).
Vultures 104/7 in 20 overs (Annapurna Bhosale 41) bt Sir Syed Cricketers 103 in 20 overs (M. Tanushree 41).
SUCC (1) 177/1 in 20 overs (Advika 41, Andrea Lobo 96) bt Wilson Garden 59 in 14.3 overs (Aaradhya Mallik 4/3).
Cambridge 110/5 in 20 overs (Rimjhim Shukla 54) lost to Vijaya 111/5 in 11.4 overs (Mansi Satish More 50).
Rajajinagar Cricketers 99 in 19 overs lost to SUCC (2) 103/1 in 12.1 overs (Yashika K. Gowda 48).
Jawans 83/7 in 20 overs lost to South End 84/2 in 10.5 overs (Monica C. Patel 44).

Rangers blanks Bengaluru Blues
Rangers FC blanked Bengaluru Blues 4-0 in the BDFA C-division football league on Saturday.
Other results:
Royals drew with RBI 1-1; Miska United bt Maharaja Socials 3-1.
Bangaluru Wanderers drew with Gowthama 1-1.
Bengaluru Reds drew with J Sports 1-1.
Konkan bt Vel Socials 3-1.

LIVE TELECAST

India vs Afghanistan: One-off Test, day 2, Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 9.30 a.m.
French Open: Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 2.30 & 6.30 p.m.
England vs New Zealand: 1st Test, day 4, Sony Sports Ten 1 & LIV, 3.30 p.m.
Formula One: Monaco GP, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 6.30 p.m.

India puts it across Bangladesh, wins title for the sixth time

SAFF WOMEN'S C'SHIPS

Press Trust of India
MARGAO

India clinched the SAFF Women's Championships football title for the sixth time and its first in seven years with a dominant 3-1 win over Bangladesh in the summit clash here on Saturday.

Pyari Xaxa (42nd), Sanfida Nongrum (46th) and Lynda Kom Serto (82nd) scored for India, while Ritu Porna Chakma (45+2) pulled one back for Bangladesh.

The host had beaten the same opponents 3-0 in the group stage.

India ended the tournament unbeaten, scoring 18 goals while conceding just one. After five title-wins on the trot, India could not even reach the finals in the last two editions when Bangladesh walked away with the trophy after beating Nepal both in 2022 and 2024.

India had last won the title in 2019.

Richly rewarded: The Indian women's team capped off an unbeaten run with the crown. AIFF

Antonelli snatches Monaco pole position for Mercedes

Antonelli. REUTERS

FORMULA ONE

Associated Press
MONTE CARLO

Kimi Antonelli took pole position for Formula 1's Monaco Grand Prix by just 0.043 of a second, holding off a challenge from Ferrari and Red Bull to maintain Mercedes' dominance on Saturday.

Antonelli saved his best for last to beat Max Verstappen and ensure Mercedes keeps its run of qualifying on pole for each Grand Prix race this season. Lewis Hamilton was third for Ferrari.

Antonelli's teammate and title rival George Russell was only sixth.

Qualifying is typically more important in Monaco than any other track on the F1 schedule because it is almost impossible to overtake on the narrow, twisty street circuit.

U-18 Asia Cup: Indian men triumph, women take home bronze

HOCKEY

Agencies
KAKAMIGAHARA [JAPAN]

Ashish Tani Purti's hat-trick powered the Indian men's hockey team to the U-18 Asia Cup 2026 title win after defeating hosts Japan 4-1 in the final here on Saturday.

Ashish Tani Purti starred with a hat-trick, while captain Ketan Kushwaha also found the back of the net as India produced a commanding display against the host.

Numada Gaku scored for Japan, according to a press release. The Indian women's team won the bronze medal after registering a commanding 3-0 victory over Korea in the third-place match. Sandeepa Kumari, captain Sweety Kujur and Nousheen Naz were on target as the women capped off their campaign with podium finish.

Hockey India announced a cash award of ₹3 lakh for each player in the men's team and ₹1.5 lakh for each member of the support staff.

Each member of the women's team was awarded ₹1 lakh while the support staff got ₹50,000 each.

Purti was awarded Player of the Match in the men's final and was also recognised as the tournament's top scorer with 17 goals. India further dominated the individual honours with Ayush Rajak being named the best goalkeeper. Among the women, Nausheen emerged as the top scorer with 12 goals. Sandeepa was adjudged the Player of the Match in women's final.

The results: Men: Final: India 4 (Ashish Tani Purti 2, 28, 34, Ketan Kushwaha 30) bt Japan 1 (Numada Gaku 52).
Women: Third place: India 3 (Sandeepa Kumari 2, Sweety Kujur 16, Nousheen Naz 33) bt Korea 0.

Champions: The Indian men celebrate their top-of-the-podium finish. X@THEHOCKEYINDIA

Shaili and women's 4x100m quartet clinch gold medals

ATHLETICS

Press Trust of India
TAIPEI CITY

Long jumper Shaili Singh and the women's 4x100m relay team won a gold each while Tejas Shirse bagged the 110m hurdles silver as all the Indians in the fray returned with a medal on the opening day of the New Taipei City Athletics Open here on Saturday.

Shaili measured 6.24m for the gold while the women's 4x100m relay quartet of S.S. Sneha, Srabani Nanda, Sudeshna Shivankar and Tamanna clocked 44.07 seconds and equalled the meet record.

Shirse completed the race in 13.58s. Chinese Taipei's 20-year-old Hsieh Yuan-kai claimed the gold in 13.57s.

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Xanthe wins the feature event

RACING

BENGALURU: Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram's Xanthe (Hindu S up) won the Nawab M Arshad Ali Khan Memorial Cup (1,400m), the main event of the races held here on Saturday (June 6).
The winner is trained by S. Attaollahi.
THE RESULTS
1. ASCOT PLATE (1,400M): AVENER (Sandesh) 1, Exotic Black (L.A. Rozario) 2, Burevestnik (G. Vivek) 3 and Shining Path (Antony) 4. 6-1/2, 1/2 and 1. 1m 27.32s. Rs. 16 (w), 13 and 20 (p), SHP: 29, THP: 36, FP: 37, Q: 38, Trinella: 61/21, Exacta: 114/78. Favourite: Avener.
Owners: Mr. Geoffrey B. Nagpal & Mrs. Charonne Nagpal. Trainer: Adhiraj S Jodha.
2. RARE GEM PLATE (DIV. II), 1,200M: HUSHED (A. Asbar) 1, Zayana (Pavan) 2, Lightning Blitz (Suraj) 3 and Vibrant Queen (Sai Kiran) 4. 4, 3/4 and Snk. 1m 15.38s. Rs. 29 (w), 12, 16 and 11 (p), SHP: 45, THP: 40, FP: 385, Q: 200, Trinella: 672/127, Exacta: 800/391. Favourite: Lightning Blitz.
Owner: Mr. Dinesh Kumar K. Trainer: V. Lokanath.
3. SANTORINI STAR PLATE (1,400M): VERSACE (Laxman S) 1, Legendary Impact (Aditya W) 2, Stella Maris (Pavan) 3 and Golden Gallery (Vishal) 4. 7-3/4, Nose and Lnk. 1m 29.12s. Rs. 46 (w), 16, 25 and 12 (p), SHP: 65, THP: 50, FP: 346, Q: 164, Trinella: 459/175, Exacta: 4,456/3,183. Favourite: Stella Maris.
Owner: Mr. Udaya Shankar P. Trainer: M. Rajendra Singh.
4. BRIG R.C.R. HILL MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,800M): CACCINI (G. Vivek) 1, Moon Star (Suraj) 2, Winfield (Antony) 3 and Maana (Sandesh) 4. 1-3/4, 2-1/4 and 3/4. 1m 52.80s. Rs. 49 (w), 15, 15 and 11 (p), SHP: 45, THP: 31, FP: 271, Q: 148, Trinella: 808/322, Exacta: 1,404/455. Favourite: Maana.
Owners: Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt Ltd rep. by Mr. Zavaray S. Poonawalla, Mrs. Behroze Z. Poonawalla, Mr. Yohan Z. Poonawalla, Mrs. Michelle Y. Poonawalla, Ms. Delna Z. Poonawalla, Mrs. Simone Poonawalla Pandole, Mr. Rishad N. Pandole & Ms. Tania Y. Poonawalla. Trainer: Karthik G.
5. NAWAB M ARSHAD ALI KHAN MEMORIAL CUP (1,400M): XANTHE (Hindu S) 1, Kalamitsi (Sandesh) 2, Mandarino (Pavan) 3 and Star Glory (Saurav Rawat) 4. 1/2, 1-1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m 26.72s. Rs. 51 (w), 15 and 15 (p), SHP: 24, THP: 27, FP: 187, Q: 78, Trinella: 843/491, Exacta: 2,797/1,291. Favourite: Global Influence.
Owner: Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.
6. RARE GEM PLATE (DIV. I), 1,200M: SAPPORO (Pavan) 1, Carat Love (Mukesh) 2, Solara (Sandesh) 3 and Blind Faith (Neeraj) 4. 1-3/4, 2-1/4 and 1. 1m 14.91s. Rs. 44 (w), 12, 27 and 11 (p), SHP: 84, THP: 50, FP: 850, Q: 542, Trinella: 2,336/365, Exacta: 3,578/2,359. Favourite: Solara.
Owner: M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.
Jackpot: Rs. 47,588; Runner up: 2,124; Mini Jackpot: 10,123; Treble (i): 501; (ii): 1,072.

Zuccaro may score an encore

BENGALURU: Zuccaro, who is in fine nick, may score an encore in the H.H. Krishnaraja Wadiyar Cup (1,600m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Sunday (June 7). False rails (width about 6m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 MYSTIC MEMORY PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 2.30 p.m.: 1. Eagle Eye (6) Akshay K 60, 2. Sicyon (4) Yash 59.5, 3. Badshaah (8) Vishal S 57, 4. Stravinsky (5) M. Rajesh K 57, 5. Hazel (1) Antony 56, 6. Zephyrine (3) A. Hangal 55.5, 7. Flight Of Fancy (7) S. Saqlain 55 and 8. Glorious Strides (2) Neeraj 51.5.
1. EAGLE EYE, 2. SICYON, 3. HAZEL

2 NANDI PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 6-y-o & over, 3.00: 1. Dynamic Force (9) S. Sachin 62.5, 2. El Alamein (6) Vishwa V 60.5, 3. Southern Force (5) Antony 60.5, 4. Sassy (7) M. Rajesh K 59, 5. Super Kind (10) Vishal S 57, 6. Sunlit Path (2) Sandesh 55, 7. Elveden (3) Aleemuddin 54, 8. Star Comet (12) Akshay K 53.5, 9. Chisox (4) A. Hangal 53, 10. Sea Diamond (1) Pranil 52.5, 11. Bruce Almighty (8) Vinod Shinde 52 and 12. Peridot (11) Siddaraju 52.
1. DYNAMIC FORCE, 2. SUNLIT PATH, 3. STAR COMET

3 CNN FAMILY AND FRIENDS LEGACY TROPHY (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3.30: 1. Bhagya (8) Rayan 56, 2. Calix (7) G. Vivek 56, 3. Heimirich (6) Sai Kiran 56, 4. Legacy Field (4) Akshay K 56, 5. Fortissima (1) L.A. Rozario 54.5, 6. Regal Beauty (3) Sandesh 54.5, 7. Savanna Storm (5) Antony 54.5 and 8. Sensuous (2) Suraj 54.5.
1. LEGACY FIELD, 3. REGAL BEAUTY, 3. HEIMIRICH

4 SPEAKER'S CUP (1,200m), rated 60 to 85, 4.00: 1. Don Carlos (8) Asirvatham 61, 2. Rieko (10) S. Sachin 59, 3. Power Of Beauty (9) Arul 56.5, 4. Dun It Again (5) Vishal 54, 5. Jersey King (2) Suraj 54, 6. N R I Ace (1) Jagadeesh 53, 7. Senor Cherie (3) Vinod Shinde 52.5, 8. Bezawada Sultan (6) Pranil 51, 9. Victoria Doresaani (7) L.A. Rozario 51 and 10. Flight On (4) Akshay K 50.5.
1. RIEKO, 2. DON CARLOS, 3. JERSEY KING

5 H.H. KRISHNARAJA WADIYAR CUP (1,600m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms), 4.30: 1. Redefined (3) Akshay K 60, 2. Zuccaro (5) G. Vivek 56.5, 3. Mayne Magic (1) Antony 55.5, 4. Positano (4) Sandesh 55.5 and 5. Siege Courageous (2) Suraj 54.5.
1. ZUCCARO, 2. MAYNE MAGIC

6 ASTOUNDING PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 5.00: 1. Pledge (1) Akshay K 62.5, 2. Unforgettable Star (4) A.A. Vikrant 62.5, 3. Amazing Stride (11) Antony 61, 4. Zilfee (9) Vishal Bunde 59, 5. Imperador (6) Vishal 56.5, 6. Queendom (8) Sandesh 56, 7. Razzmatazz (3) Aditya W 56, 8. DR Ash (5) M. Rajesh K 55.5, 9. Turf Paradise (10) A. Asbar 54.5, 10. Agape (12) Arul 53, 11. Big Sauce (7) L.A. Rozario 51 and 12. Superhero (2) Vinod Shinde 50.5.
1. PLEDGE, 2. QUEENDOM, 3. AMAZING STRIDE
Day's best: **PLEDGE**
Double: **EAGLE EYE - ZUCCARO**
Jkt: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; Mini Jkt: 3, 4, 5 and 6; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 4, 5 and 6.

Rahul and Gill's hundreds put India in command

The opener makes the most of an early reprieve while the skipper oozes class as the home team amasses 368 for three on the opening day; Sai Sudharsan and Pant, too, get going on a flat pitch

AFGHANISTAN IN INDIA

Vivek Krishnan
NEW CHANDIGARH

An air of inevitability enveloped the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh Stadium on day one of the one-off Test between India and Afghanistan once Shubman Gill won the toss and elected to bat. On a benign strip exposed to the scorching sun on Saturday, the host was presented with a gift-wrapped opportunity to rack up a heap of runs and make Afghanistan's inexperienced attack toil.

With the exception of Yashasvi Jaiswal, who was dismissed for 24, India's batters took advantage. While K.L. Rahul brought up his 12th Test hundred, Gill ended the day unbeaten on 103 to guide India to 368 for three at stumps. Sai Sudharsan and Rishabh Pant registered brisk half-centuries. Pant, unbeaten on 50, got going by smashing off-spinner Abdul Malik for three sixes in an over.

Gill and Pant unfurled a range of free-flowing strokes after Rahul and Sai Sudharsan stitched together a 139-run alliance for the second wicket.

Never mind that Rahul's innings wouldn't count among his most elegant. Even accounting for his recent idiosyncrasy of tucking the bat behind the front pad whilst leaving the ball, there were a few instances early on when he appeared uncertain in the channel outside off-stump. But as he spent more time at the crease, he became more authoritative against the spinners, who barely posed a threat even though a few deliveries took turn.

Contrary to Rahul's shaky beginning, Gill was all class from the moment he took guard. Some sumptuous drives and his signature pull stood out in his 11th Test ton.

Despite the limitations of Afghanistan's bowlers, they had opportunities to dismiss Rahul and Sai Sudharsan cheaply. In the 11th over, Rahul was on 16 when he attempted a cut off Ziaur Rahman. As the ball nestled into Afsar Zazai's gloves, Afghanistan's players screamed in unison for a caught-behind appeal. But they didn't have enough conviction to ask for a review, which proved to be a costly error as replays showed a clear edge.

Sai Sudharsan was dropped on 20 by Rahmanullah Gurbaz at slip in left-arm spinner Nangeyalia Kharote's first over. In the southpaw's maiden series in England last year, he had displayed an exasperating tendency to be caught on the on-side, but he was in no such trouble here. Having hit a flurry of boundaries through the leg-side, he raced to his half-century off 67 balls. But the three-figure mark eluded him. On 81, he edged a full delivery from Mohammad Saleem to Zazai behind the stumps.

Different strokes: Rahul was shaky to begin with while Gill got into his stride immediately. R.V. MOORTHY

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Afsar b Saleem 24 *(32b, 5x4)*, K.L. Rahul c Gurbaz b Ziaur 100 *(165b, 11x4)*, Sai Sudharsan c Afsar b Saleem 81 *(104b, 13x4)*, Shubman Gill (batting) 103 *(143b, 11x4, 1x6)*, Rishabh Pant (batting) 50 *(70b, 2x4, 3x6)*; Extras (lb-5, nb-4, w-1): 10; Total (for three wkts. in 85 overs): 368.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-41 (Jaiswal, 11.6 overs), 2-180 (Sai Sudharsan, 42.4), 3-247 (Rahul, 60.2).

AFGHANISTAN BOWLING
Ziaur 15-2-61-1, Omarzai 14-3-42-0, Saleem 13-1-67-2, Kharote 20-0-95-0, Malik 6-0-37-0, Shahidi 17-0-61-0.

Toss: India.

Sai Sudharsan. R.V. MOORTHY

Coach's backing gives freedom and certainty: Sai Sudharsan

Vivek Krishnan
NEW CHANDIGARH

Ahead of this one-off Test against Afghanistan, India's head coach Gautam Gambhir had dispelled any doubts about who will occupy the No. 3 slot by unequivocally backing Sai Sudharsan and giving him a long rope.

Deriving confidence

At the end of play on day one, the left-hand batter from Chennai, who contributed 81 off 104 deliveries, opened up on the confidence derived from the coach's words.

"It gives so much certainty mentally when the coach, the captain and the team support you and want you to do well for the country. It gives a lot of freedom for you to express yourself and do what you can do at your best rather than thinking about scoring or thinking about whether I will play the next game or not. That never arises because you have got great freedom from the team," Sai Sudharsan said on Saturday.

Andreeva ends Chwalinska's dream run for first Major title

FRENCH OPEN

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Mirra Andreeva won her first Grand Slam title on Saturday by downing Polish qualifier Maja Chwalinska in straight sets in the French Open final.

The 19-year-old Russian beat Chwalinska 6-3, 6-2 to become the youngest Roland Garros women's singles champion since Monica Seles, then aged 18, won her third straight title in Paris in 1992.

With her first-ever Major crown, Andreeva also became the first player born after 2005 to win a Grand Slam.

Defeat at the final hurdle brought to an end an astonishing run which started in qualifying for Chwalinska, who won nine matches in the French capital to become the first qualifier to reach the final in the Open era.

However, the World No. 114's career will now be on a different stratosphere as she will climb to 21 in the rankings and be assured of competing regularly in tennis' biggest tournaments.

Argentina's Horacio Zeballos and Spaniard Marcel Granollers won their second straight French Open men's doubles title, beating Harri Heliovaara and Henry Patten 6-4, 6-2.

THE RESULTS

Women: Final: 8-Andreeva bt Chwalinska (Pol) 6-3, 6-2.
Men: Doubles: Final: 1-Zeballos (Arg) & Granollers (Esp) bt 2-Heliovaara (Fin) & Patten (GBr) 6-4, 6-2.

Breaking new ground: Andreeva is the first player, man or woman, born after 2005 to win a Grand Slam while the 114th-ranked Chwalinska will climb to 21 after her runner-up finish. AFP

Andreeva's day out

1 Andreeva is the first Russian woman since Sharapova in 2014 to triumph in Paris

3 At 19 years and 25 days, she is the third youngest women's champion in the 2000s, older only than Sharapova (17y 63d, Wimbledon 2004) and Raducanu (18y 290d, US Open 2021)

4 Andreeva is the fourth youngest to claim her maiden title at Roland-Garros, the other three being Seles (16y 177d, 1990), Sanchez Vicario (17y 163d, 1989) and Graf (17y 345d, 1987)

6 The last six Majors have been won by six different women

17 Only Swiatek (2024 and 2020) and Graf (1988) have dropped fewer games than Andreeva (17 in 2026) in the second week en route the title

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1	2	3	4	5	6
1	**Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of additional Oil Spill Response Equipments as per NOSDCP – 2015 (03/2018 Cat – B) at Karwar Port, U.K District, Karnataka. The detail specification provided in Appendix-X**	**Refer KPPP e-Portal**			

Submit your completed finished rates, excluding of GST and inclusive of all applicable taxes, prevailing at the time of your quotation to the undersigned before **12.06.2026.** This quotation rates are purely **for preparation of estimate /budgetary purpose only.**
The detail specification of required OSR items provided in **Appendix-X.** Please go through the same before submitting your quotation.
For any further information please contact the following address.
1. E-mail: marineengineerkwr@gmail.com
2. Phone No.: 08382-221402
3. Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/181/26-27 dt. 05.06.2026
Sd/- Marine Engineer Karwar

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathi canal Division, Tumkur.
KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL SHORT TERM-TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 04/2026-27 Dt: 03.06.2026 (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathi Canal Division, Tumakuru undersigned invites 20 number of tenders Costig from Rs. 23.61 Lakhs to Rs. 81.76 Lakhs on Item Rate Basis using standard conditions KTPP Through KPPP Portal using Two cover system from eligible Contractors.
1. The contractor can have access to Electronic Bid documents-I,II, III & IV in Karnataka Public procurement Portal from Dated:- 05.06.2026 to 20.06.2026 up to 4.00 pm. 2. Last date & Time for Queries in Karnataka Public procurement Portal Dt:- 10.06.2026 till 4.00 Pm. 3. Electronic Bid Document-1(Technical Bid) will be opened in Karnataka Public portal on 22.06.2026 at 4.30 pm. Onwards. 4. Electronic Bid Document-2 (Financial bid) of qualified Technical bidders will be opened in Karnataka Public Procurement portal on Dt: 25.06.2026 at 4.00 pm onwards or any other convenient date, after the approval of Electronic Bid Document-1 (Technical Bid)
For EMD details, work details, eligible class of contractor, qualification conditions & any other conditions can be obtained in https://kppp. karnataka. gov.in/#/portal/portal-home.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Hemavathi Canal Division, CNNL,Tumkur.
DIPR/TUM/98/KSMCA/2026-27

Govt. of Karnataka
Department of AYUSH
Dhanvanthri Road, Bengaluru-560009, Phone: 080-22876553, Fax: 080-22340139, Email : directorayush.eproc@gmail.com
No: AYUSH/14/PROC/2026-27 Date: 06-06-2026

Short Term Tender Notification (Through kpp portal only)

http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

The e-tender in Two Document Systems invited from the Tender inviting Authority and Accounts Officer, Department of AYUSH, Bangalore Short-Term Tender for Procurement of **Stationery Items for the International Yoga Day Program** for the Year 2026-27.under State Scheme, as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act 1999-2000 Rules there under. **For further details may be viewed at kpp portal website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Calender of Events

1.	The Tender document will be available in kppp website from	**06-06-2026**
2.	Last date and time for uploading tender documents through kppp	**14-06-2026 upto 1:30 p.m.**
3.	Last date for submission by Samples.	**15-06-2026 at 4.00 p.m.**
4.	Opening of Technical Bids	**16-06-2026 at 4.30 p.m.**
5.	Opening of Financial Bids	**17-06-2026 at 5.00 p.m.**

Sd/- Accounts Officer/Chairman
(Tender Inviting Authority) Directorate of Ayush, Dhanvanthri Road, Bangalore-09
DIPR/CP/RO1037/AAPL/2026-27

Govt. of Karnataka
Department of AYUSH
Dhanvanthri Road, Bengaluru-560009, Phone: 080-22876553, Fax: 080-22340139, Email : directorayush.eproc@gmail.com
No: AYUSH/14/PROC/2026-27 Date: 06-06-2026

Short Term Tender Notification (Through kpp portal only)

http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

The e-tender in Two Document Systems invited from the Tender inviting Authority and Accounts Officer, Department of AYUSH, Bangalore Short-Term Tender for the **Arrangements Required for Organizing the State-Level 12th International Day** of Yoga Celebration Programme for the Year 2026-27under State Scheme, as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act 1999-2000 Rules there under. **For further details may be viewed at kpp portal website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Calender of Events

1.	The Tender document will be available in kppp website from	**06-06-2026**
2.	Last date and time for uploading tender documents through kppp	**14-06-2026 upto 1:30 p.m.**
3.	Opening of Technical Bids	**15-06-2026 2.00 p.m.**
4.	Opening of Financial Bids	**16-06-2026 2.30 p.m.**

Sd/- Accounts Officer/Chairman
(Tender Inviting Authority) Directorate of Ayush, Dhanvanthri Road, Bangalore-09
DIPR/CP/RO1038/AAPL/2026-27

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಯುವ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ರಾಜ್ಯ ಯುವ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ನೃಪತುಂಗ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560001.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080–22215601, 22211246 ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ : 22215602
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಡಿವೈಇಎಸ್/ವಿಎಸ್ಎಂ.ಸಿ/ಶ್ರೀ.ಕ.ಹೊ.ಕ್ರೀ/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.06.2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರುಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು (ಆಡಳಿತ), ಯುವ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ರಾಜ್ಯ ಯುವ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ನೃಪತುಂಗ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560001, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಇವರು ಯುವ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಕಂಠೀರವ ಹೊರಾಂಗಣ ಕ್ರೀಡಾಂಗಣಕ್ಕೆ **Pole Vault Bed** ಅನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಆರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾರರಿಂದ ಬಿಡ್ ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರ : ಶ್ರೀ ಕಂಠೀರವ ಹೊರಾಂಗಣ ಕ್ರೀಡಾಂಗಣಕ್ಕೆ **Pole Vault Bed** ಅನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲು. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ : 10,00,000/– ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ : ರೂ. 25,000/–. 1) ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:18.06.2026. ಸಮಯ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆ. 2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25.06.2026. ಸಮಯ 15.30 ಗಂಟೆ.

ಆಸಕ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ರಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್ ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಉಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ವಿಳಾಸ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಉಪ–ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು (ಆಡಳಿತ)
ಯುವ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಇಲಾಖೆ

DIPR/CP/1019/Zen/2026-27

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client has negotiated and agreed to purchase the lands situated at **Asali Attikunte Village, Avani Hobli, Mulabagil Taluk, Kolar District,** which are described in Schedule Property from its respective Owners. All persons having any claim against the Schedule Property or any part thereof are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office within **07 days** from the date of publication hereof, failing which our clients shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Sl. No.	Sy No.			Boundaries			
		Acre	Guntas	East	West	North	South
1.	39/1	02	06	Sy. No. 40/1	Sy. No. 38	Sy. No. 38	Sy. No. 39/2
2.	40/1	02	14	Sy. No. 40/2	Sy. No. 39	Sy. No. 38	Road & Sy. No.97
3.	40/2	02	20	Sy. No. 40/3B	Sy. No. 40/1	Sy. No. 38	Road & Sy. No.97
4.	40/3A	01	11	Sy. No. 40/4	Sy. No. 40/3B	Sy. No. 38	Road & Sy. No.97
5.	40/3B	01	14	Sy. No. 40/3A	Sy. No. 40/2	Sy. No. 38	Road & Sy. No.97
6.	40/4	03	23	Sy. No. 41 & 42	Sy. No. 40/3A	Sy. No. 38	Road & Sy. No.97
7.	41	10	20	Road	Sy. No. 40/4	Sy. No. 42	Sy. No.97
8	42/1	10	23	Road & Sy.No.43	Sy. No. 42/2	Sy. No. 43	Sy. No.41
9	42/2	01	10	Sy.No. 42/1	Sy. No. 40/4	Sy. No. 43	Sy. No.41
10	43/1	10	08.08	Sy. No. 43/2 & 44	Sy. No. 38, 40/4 & 42	Sy. No. 38 & 45	Sy. No.42 & 43/2
11	43/2	03	13.08	Road & Sy.No.44	Sy. No. 43/1 & 42	Sy. No. 44	Sy. No.42
12	44	12	38	Road & Sy.No.46	Sy. No. 43	Sy. No. 45	Road & Sy. No.43
13	46	02	31	Road	Sy. No. 44 & 45	Sy. No. 48	Road & Sy. No.44
14	130 (Old 97)	03	00	Sy. No. 97	Sy. No. 96	Sy. No. 41 & 97	Sy. No. 97
15	97	01	20	Sy. No. 97	Sy. No. 97	Sy. No. 97	Sy. No. 97

M/s. Jury Legal Solutions
Advocates, No.8, 14th Cross, 14th Main, 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102. Ph: Ph: 9164533100/9902195500
Dated this the Sixth Day of June 2026 (06.06.2026). Place: Bangalore

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari (Near Banashankari Temple), Bengaluru-560070

KPPP TENDER NOTICE
Two Cover System
Short Term Tender Notification No.: EE/PRED/ BNG(U)/TND/AE-1/13/2026-27 Date: 29.05.2026 Corrigendum Dated: 04.06.2026

Tenders are invited through KPPP Portal by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, for MLA Grants Works. The work details can obtained from the KPPP Web Site. The tender documents can be obtained and submitted on or before dated: **12.06.2026** upto **4:00 p.m.** Further details can be obtained from web site at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,
DIPR/CP/LC/1033/2026-27 **Bangalore Urban Dist., Bengaluru**

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, Zone-1, No. 2152/20, Defence Colony, 9th Main, 'D' Block, Sahakarnagara, BNCC Office, Bengaluru - 560092.
No:BNCC-Z1/EE/BTP/KPPP/PR/04/2026-27 Date: 06-06-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, Zone-1, BNCC, Bengaluru for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BNCC or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations. **(Standard Tender Document - KW-1, 2, 3, 4)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category
	SINGLE COVER TENDER
1	Repair & Maintenance of Footpaths in Byatarayanapura Ward No. 15. **(Call-2) - (SC) - Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 25.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 25,000/-**
2	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Amruthahalli Ward No. 16. **(Call-2) - (SC) - Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 25.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 25,000/-**
3	Repair and Maintenance of Footpaths in Jakkur Ward No. 17. **(Call-2) - (ST) - Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 25.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 25,000/-**
	TWO COVER TENDER
4	Providing Thermoplastic Painting for Rumbler Strips, Lane Marking, Junction Markings, Different Types of Sign Boards, Pelican Signals and Kerb Stones, HRPC and Other Safety Furniture's as per Traffic Police Requests in Byatarayanapura Division. **(Call-2) - (OTHERS) - Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 140.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,10,000/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **10-06-2026 at 15.00 Hours in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No.2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakarnagara Office, Bengaluru - 560092. 3)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals is **16-06-2026 upto 16.00 Hours. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid is **18-06-2026 after 16.00 Hours. 5)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **After Approval of Technical Bid.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Byatarayanapura Division, Zone-1, BNCC.